

# AVL Tree

## DEFINITION:

AVL Tree is:

- A Binary Search Tree,
- in which the heights of the left and right subtrees of the root differ by at most 1, and
- the left and right subtrees are again AVL trees.

# AVL Tree

The name comes from the discoverers of this method,  
G.M. Adel'son-Vel'skii and E.M. Landis.



The method dates from 1962.

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# Balance factor

Balance factor:

- **left\_higher**:  $H_L = H_R + 1$

- **equal\_height**:  $H_L = H_R$

- **right\_higher**:  $H_R = H_L + 1$

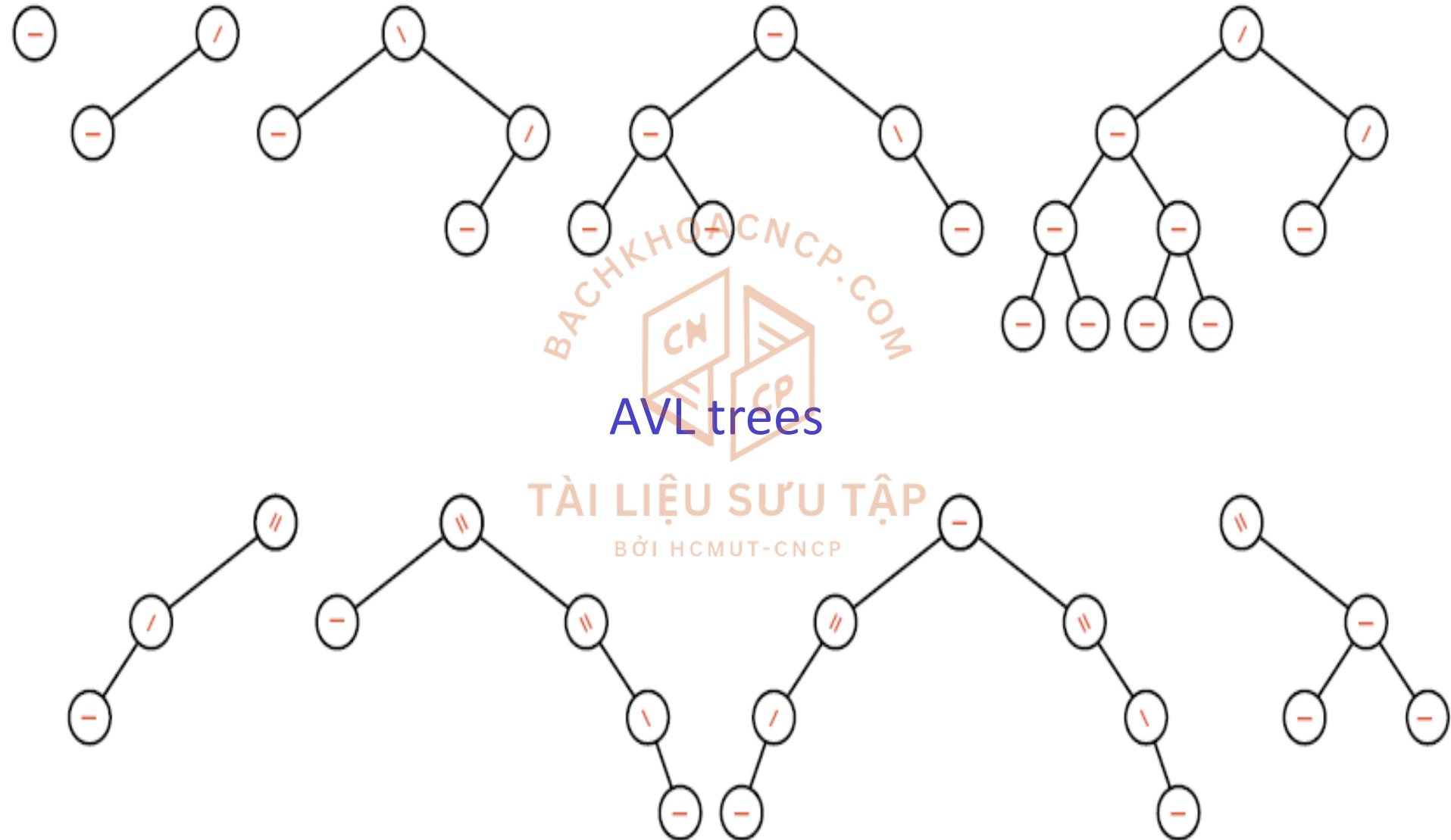
( $H_L$  ,  $H_R$  : the height of left and right subtree)

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In C++:

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enum Balance_factor {left_higher, equal_height, right_higher};
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# AVL Trees and non-AVL Trees



# non-AVL trees

# Linked AVL Tree

## AVL\_Node

data <DataType>

left <pointer>

right <pointer>

balance <Balance\_factor>

**End AVL\_Node**

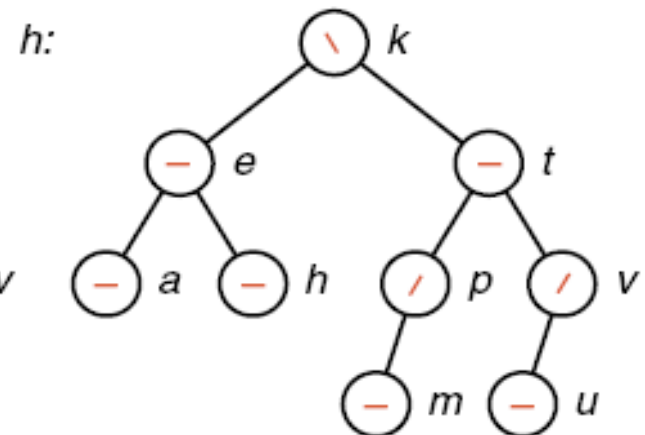
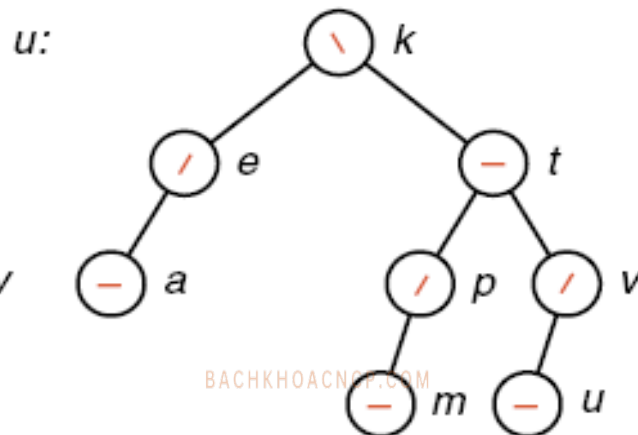
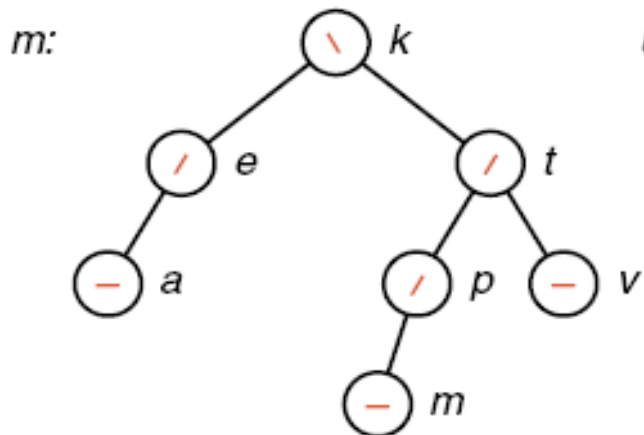
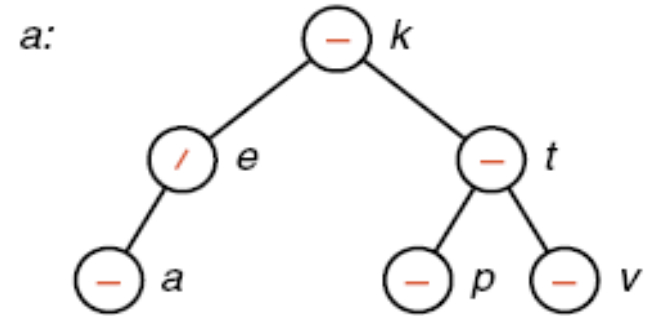
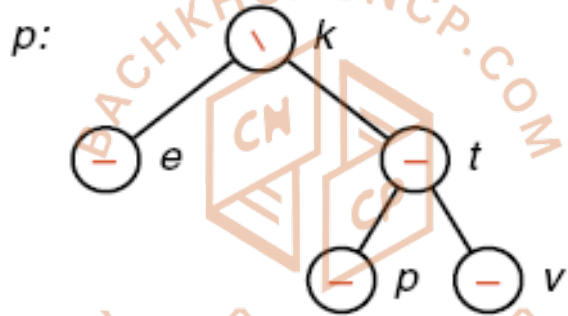
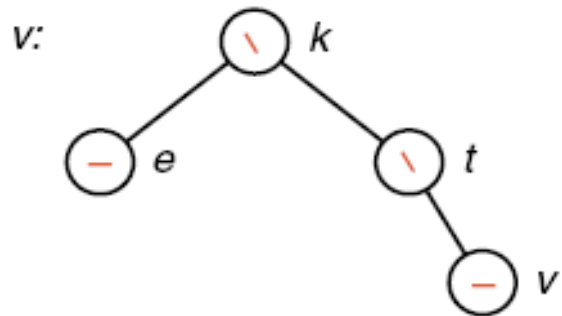
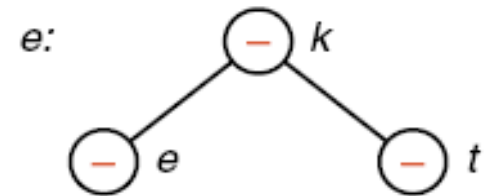
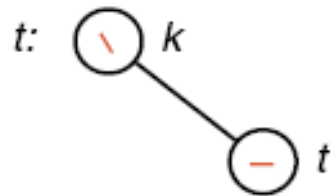
## AVL\_Tree

root <pointer>

**End AVL\_Tree**

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# Insertion into an AVL tree



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# Insertion into an AVL tree

- Follow the usual BST insertion algorithm: insert the new node into the empty left or right subtree of a parent node as appropriate.
- We use a reference parameter *taller* of the *recursive\_Insert* function to show if the height of a subtree, for which the recursive function is called, has been increased.
- At the stopping case of recursive, the empty subtree becomes a tree with one node for new data, *taller* is set to TRUE.

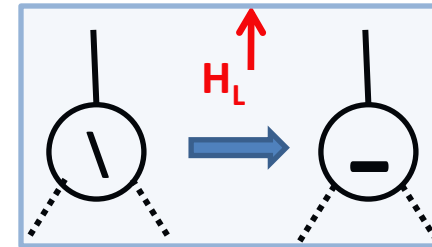
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Consider the subtree, for which the recursive function is called,

➤ While *taller* is TRUE, for each node on the path from the subtree's parent to the root of the tree, do the following steps.

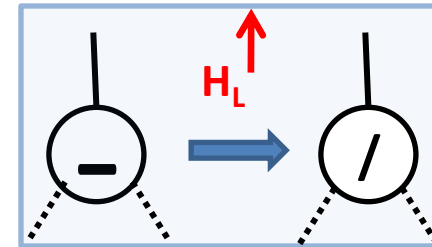
- a) If the subtree was the shorter: its parent's balance factor must be changed, but the height of parent tree is unchanged.

*taller* becomes FALSE.



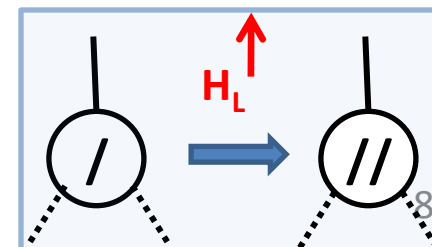
- b) If two subtree had the same height, its parent's balance factor must be changed, the height of parent tree increases by 1.

*taller* remains TRUE.



- c) If the subtree was the higher subtree: only in this case, the definition of AVL is violated at the parent node, rebalancing must be done.

*taller* becomes FALSE





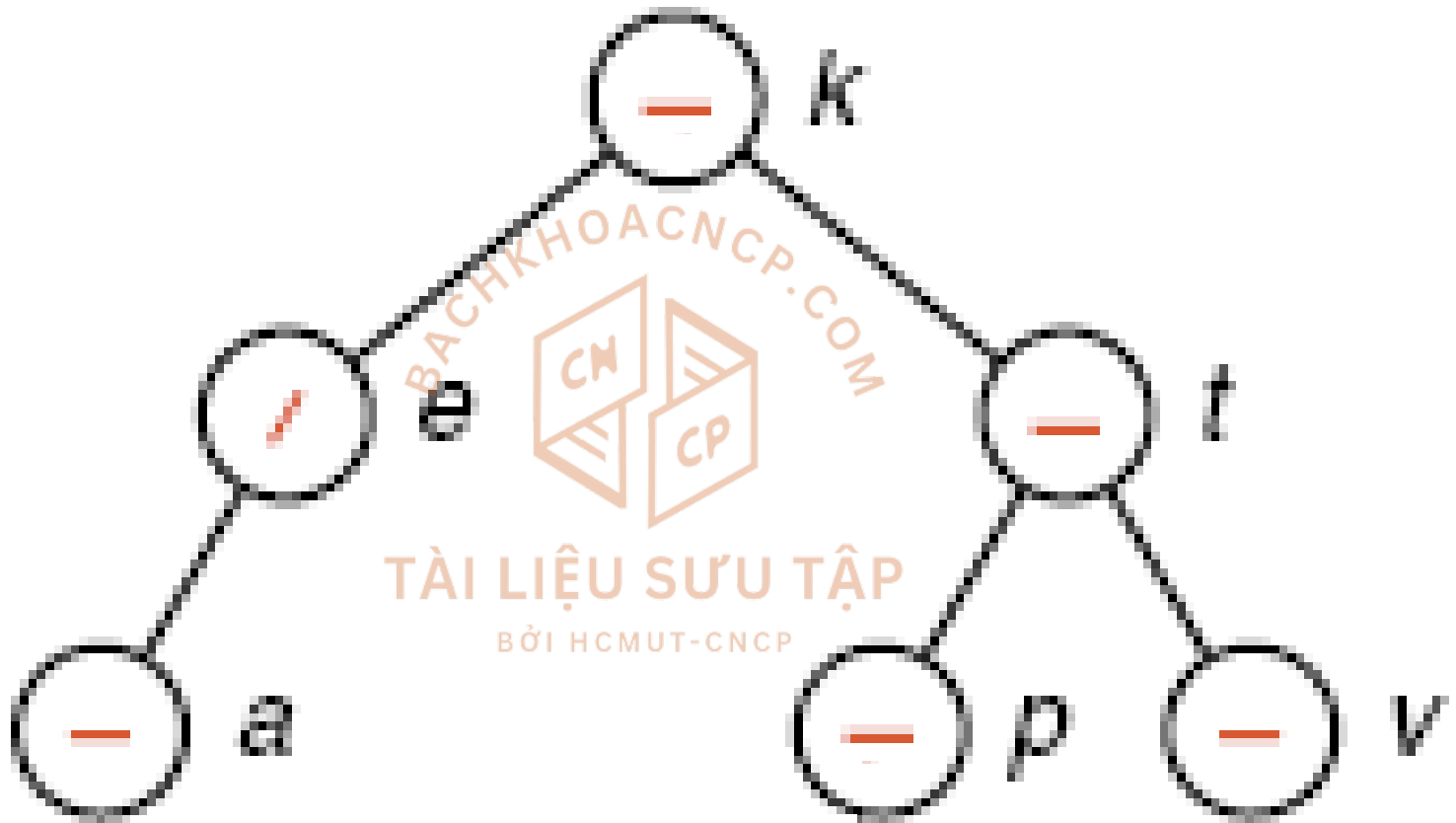
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- When *taller* becomes FALSE, the algorithm terminates.
- When rebalancing must be done, the height of the subtree always returned to its original value, so *taller* always becomes FALSE!

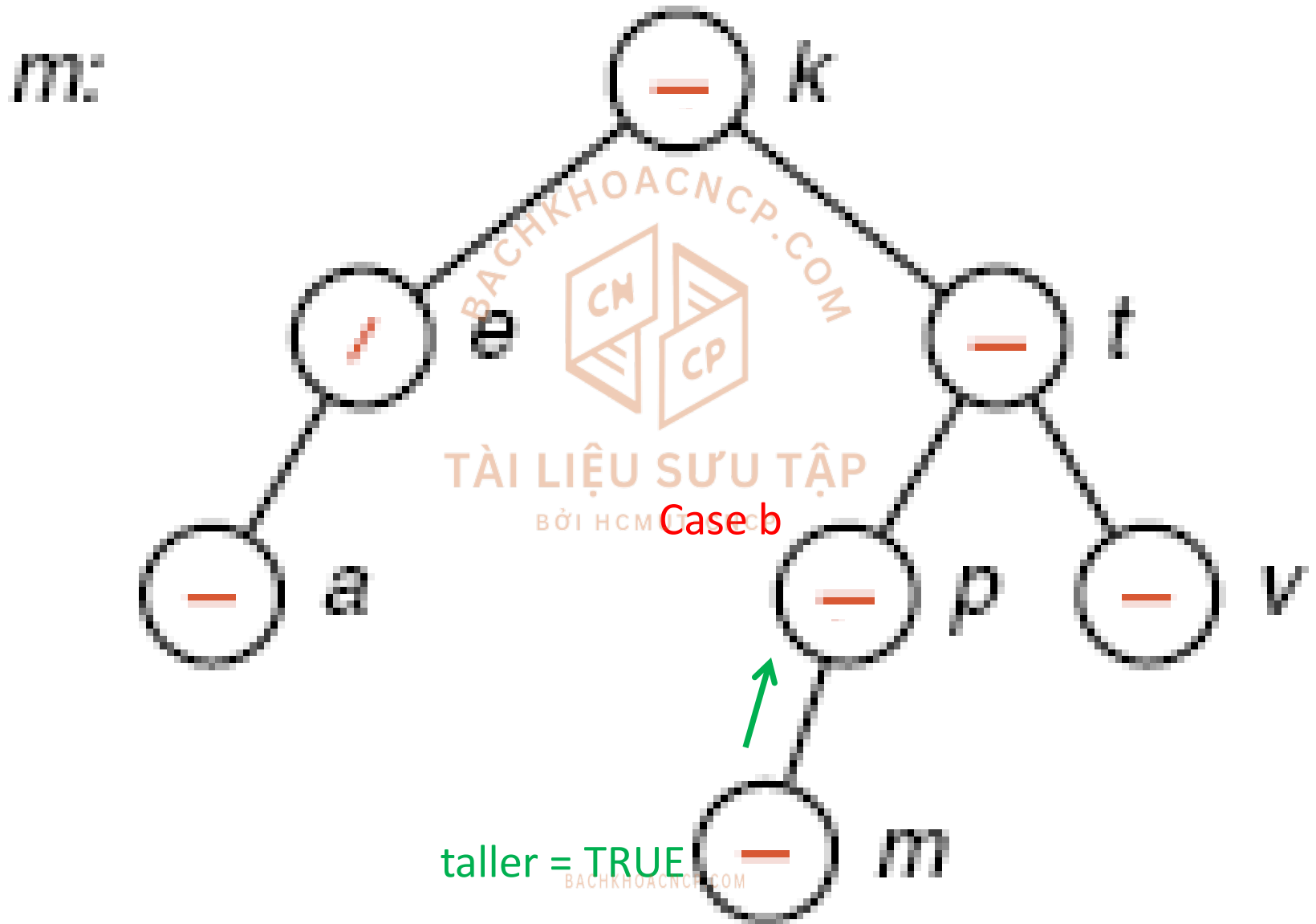
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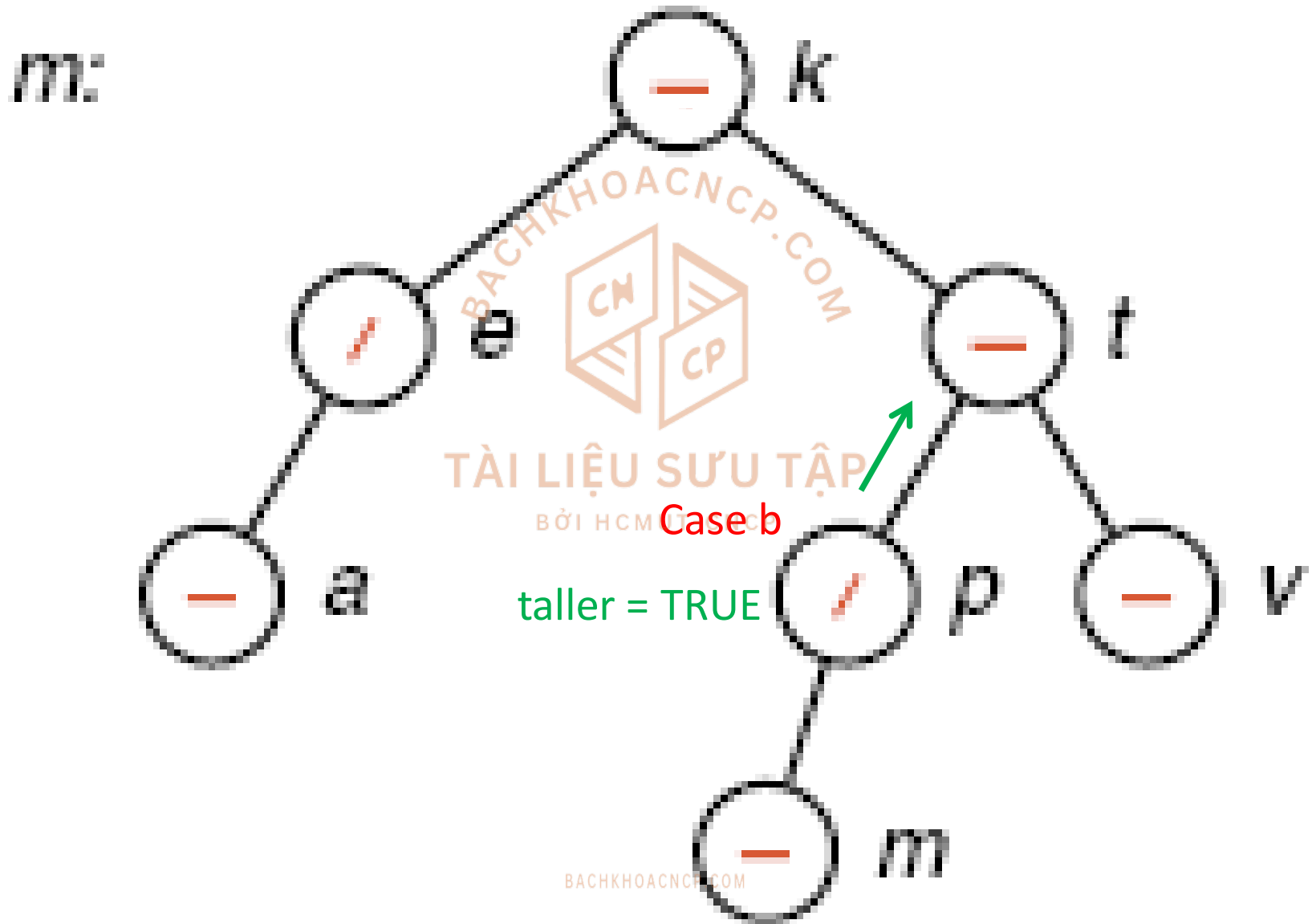
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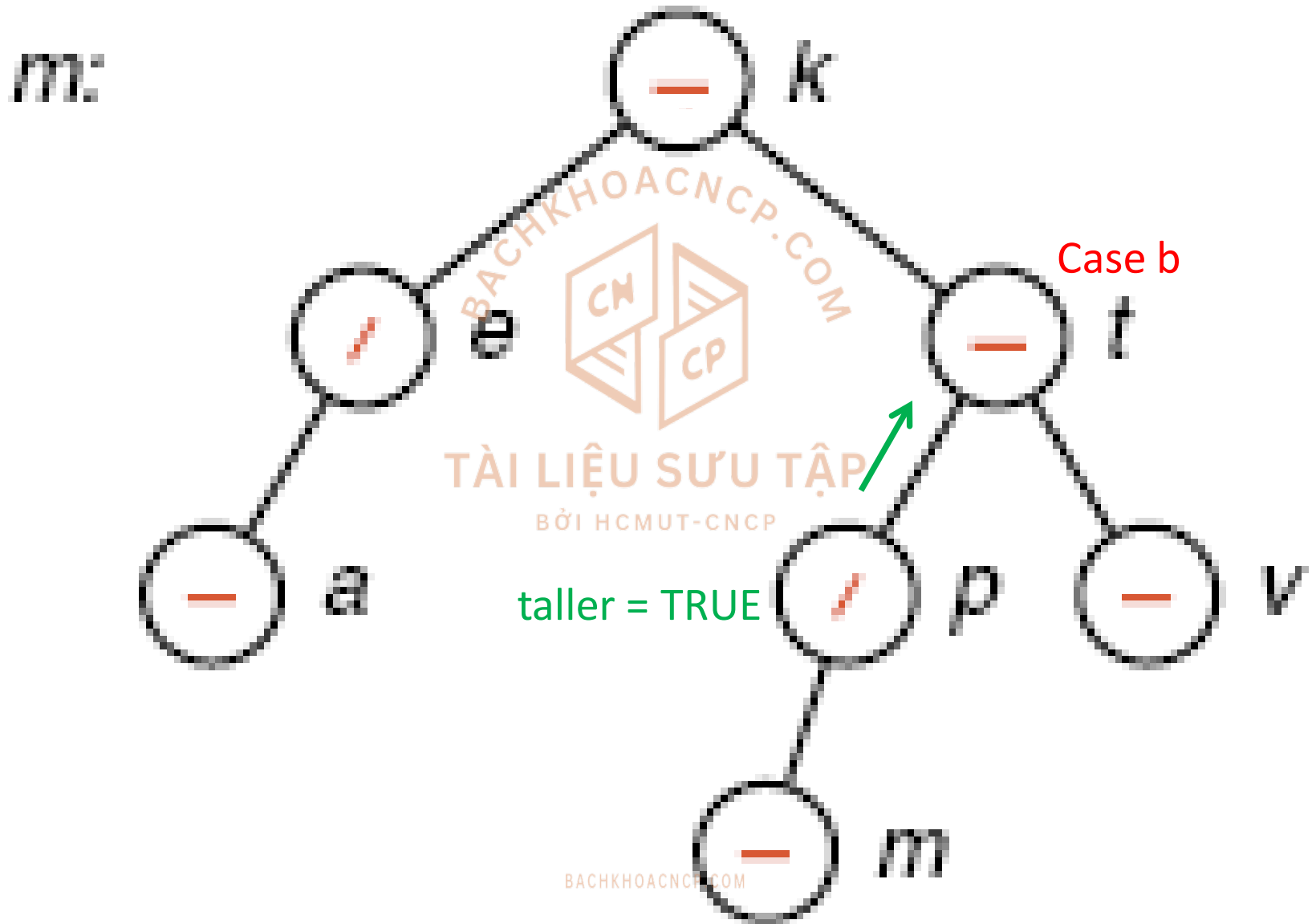
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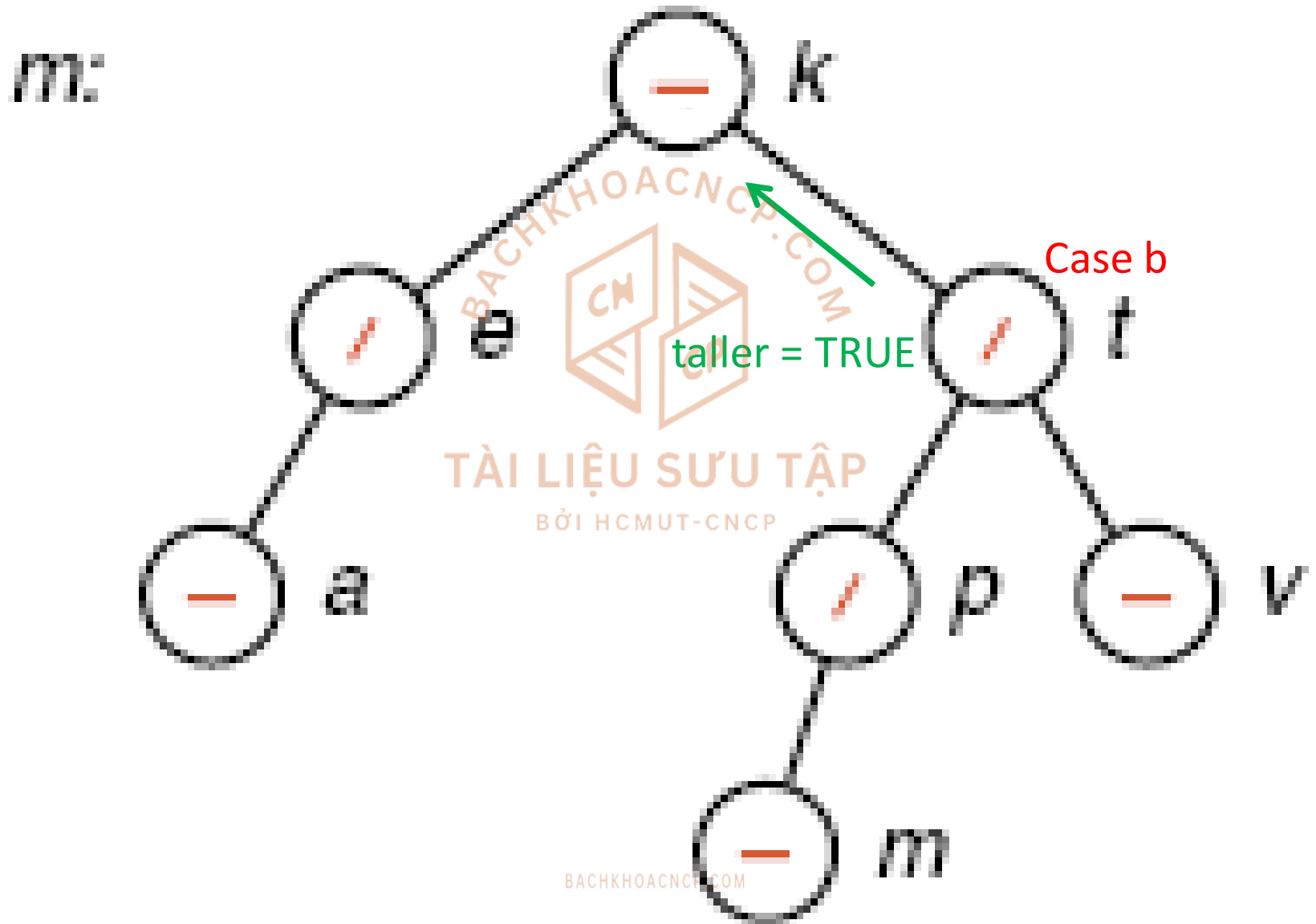
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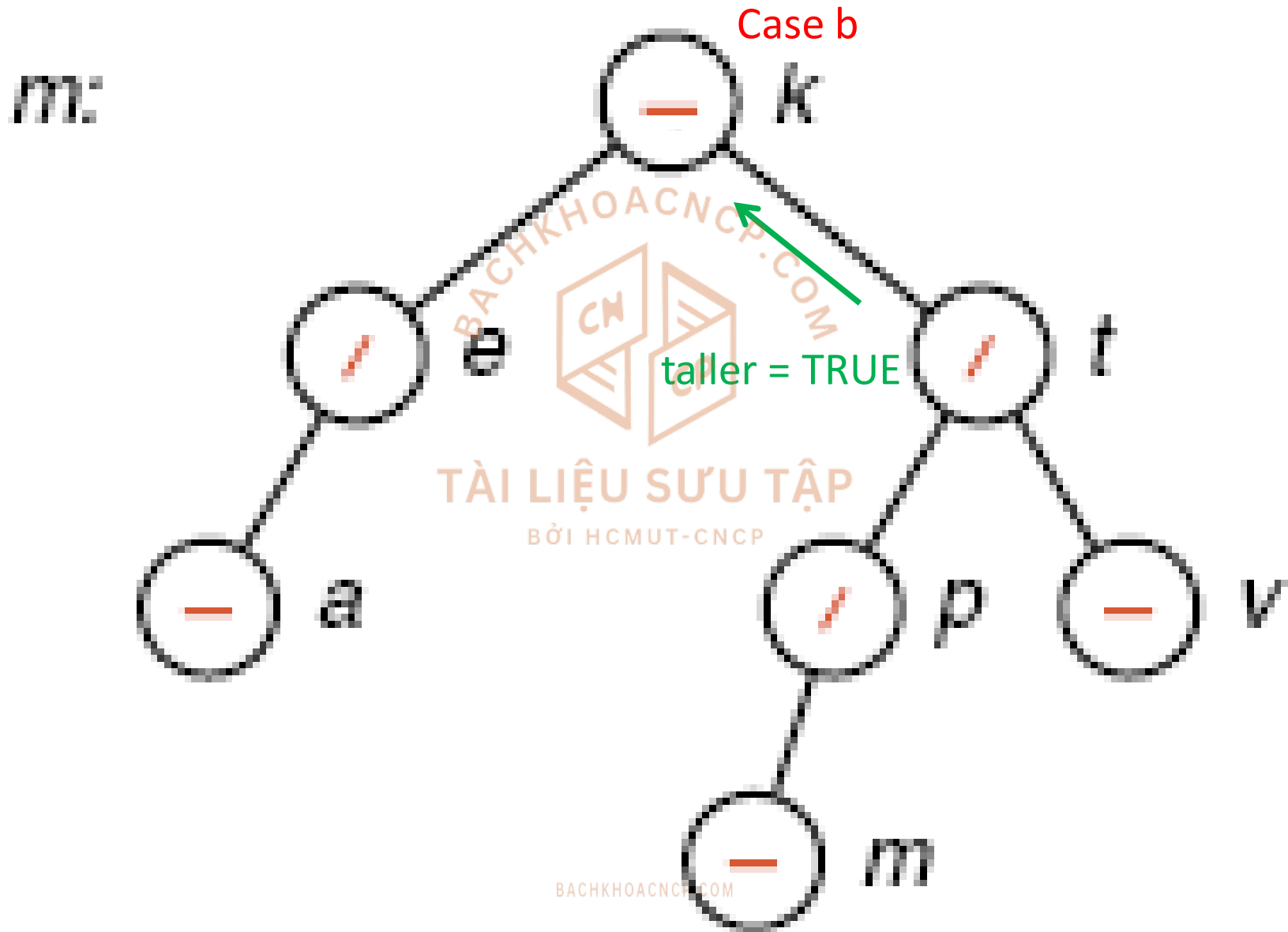
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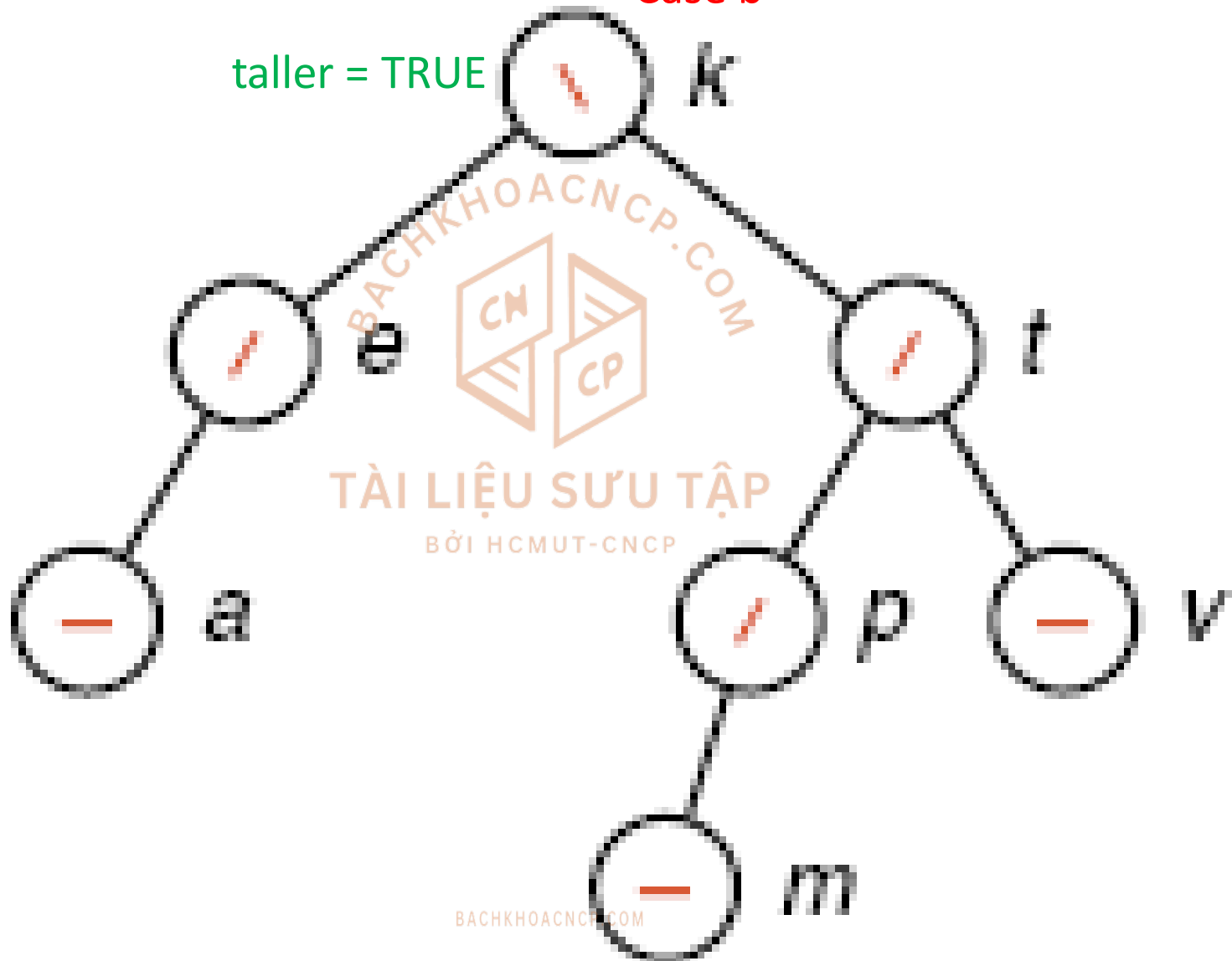
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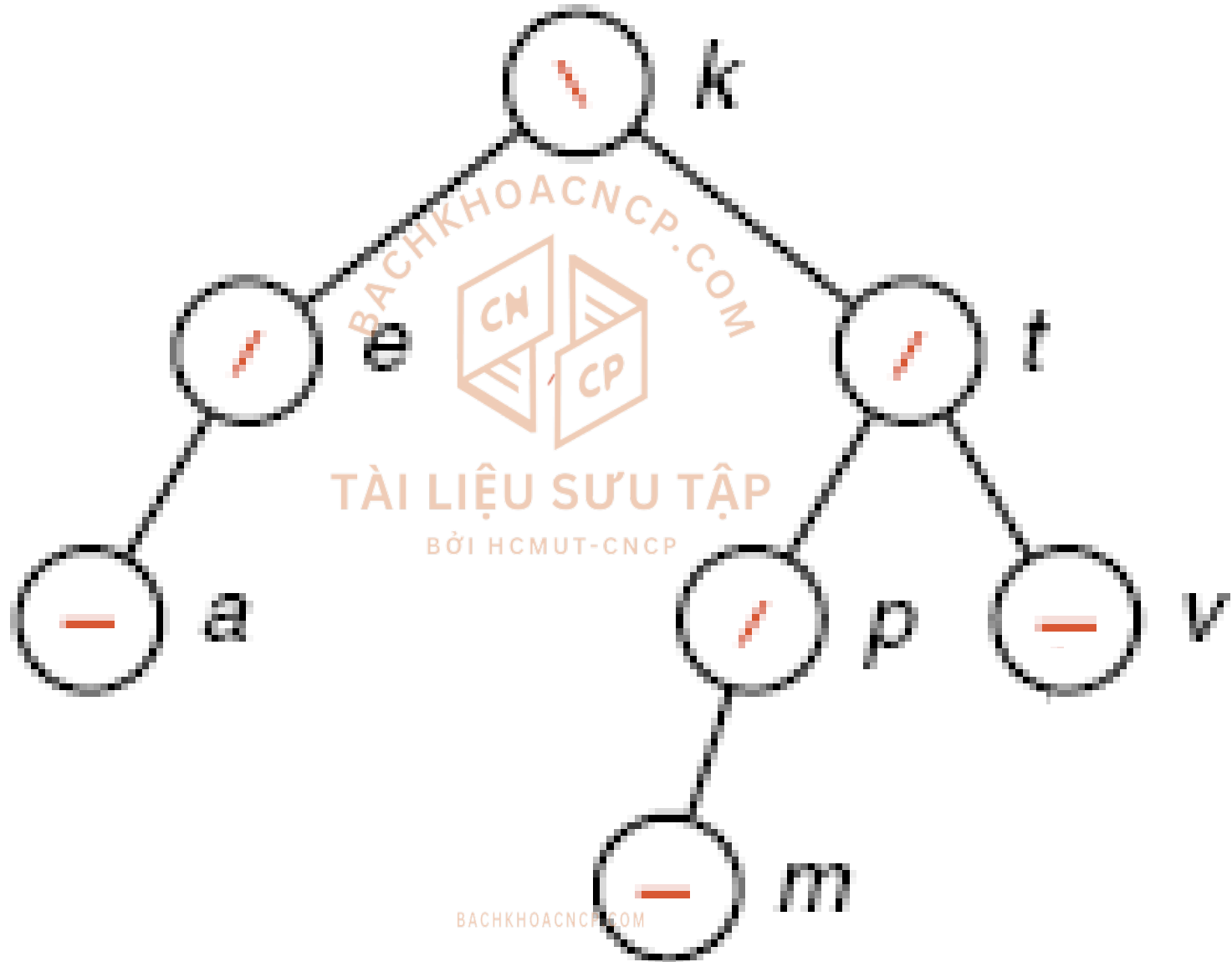
taller = TRUE





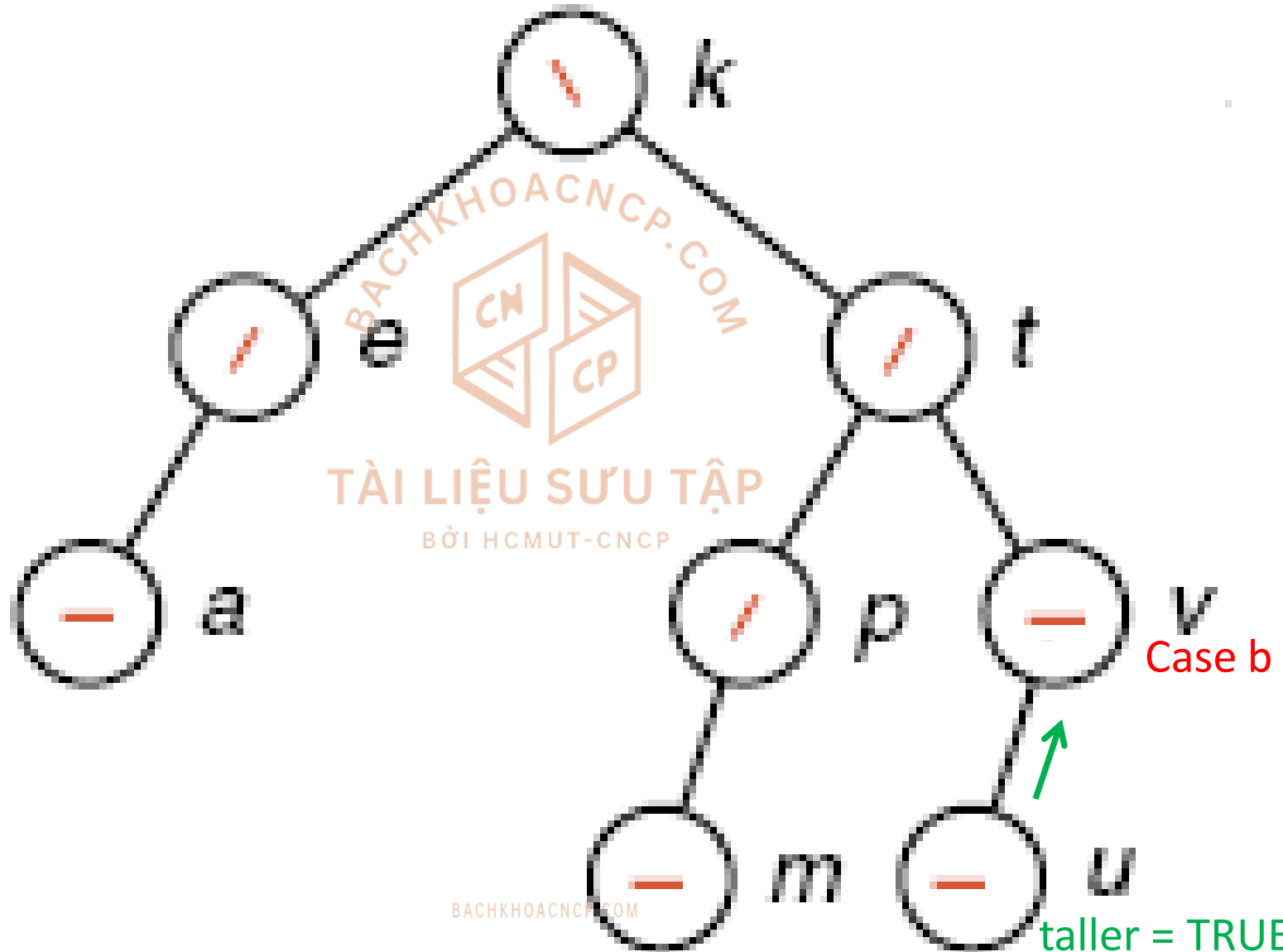
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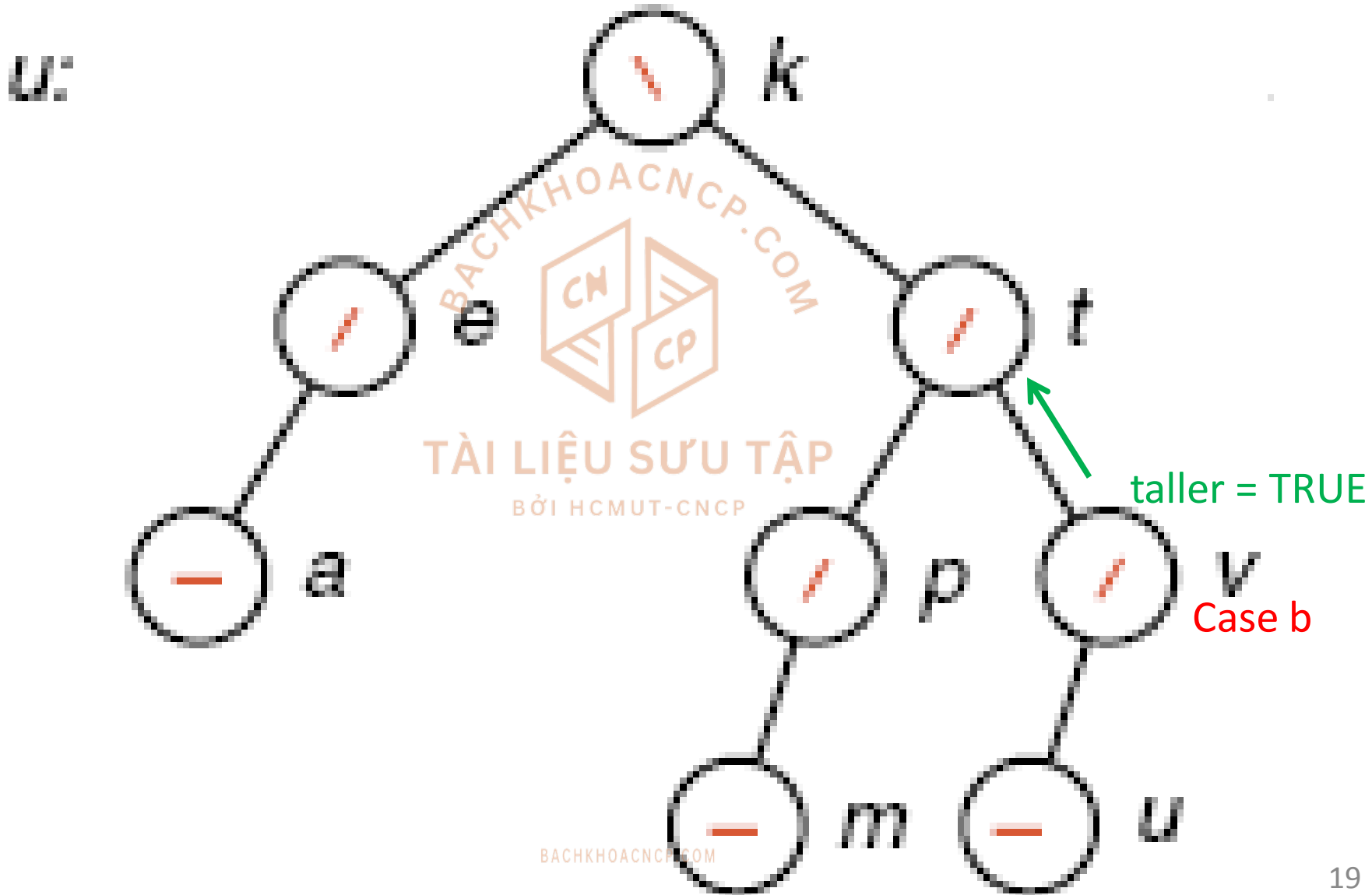


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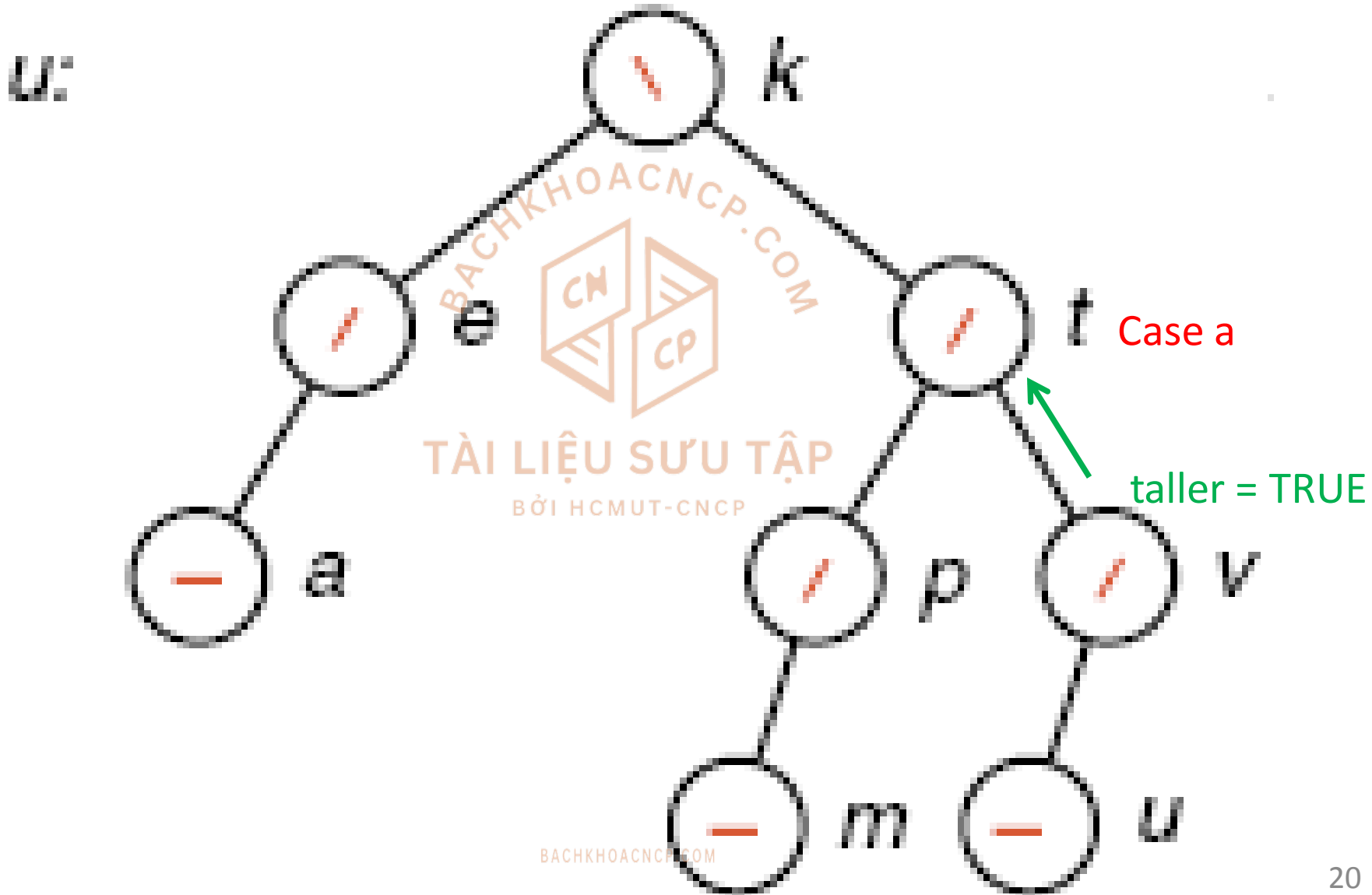
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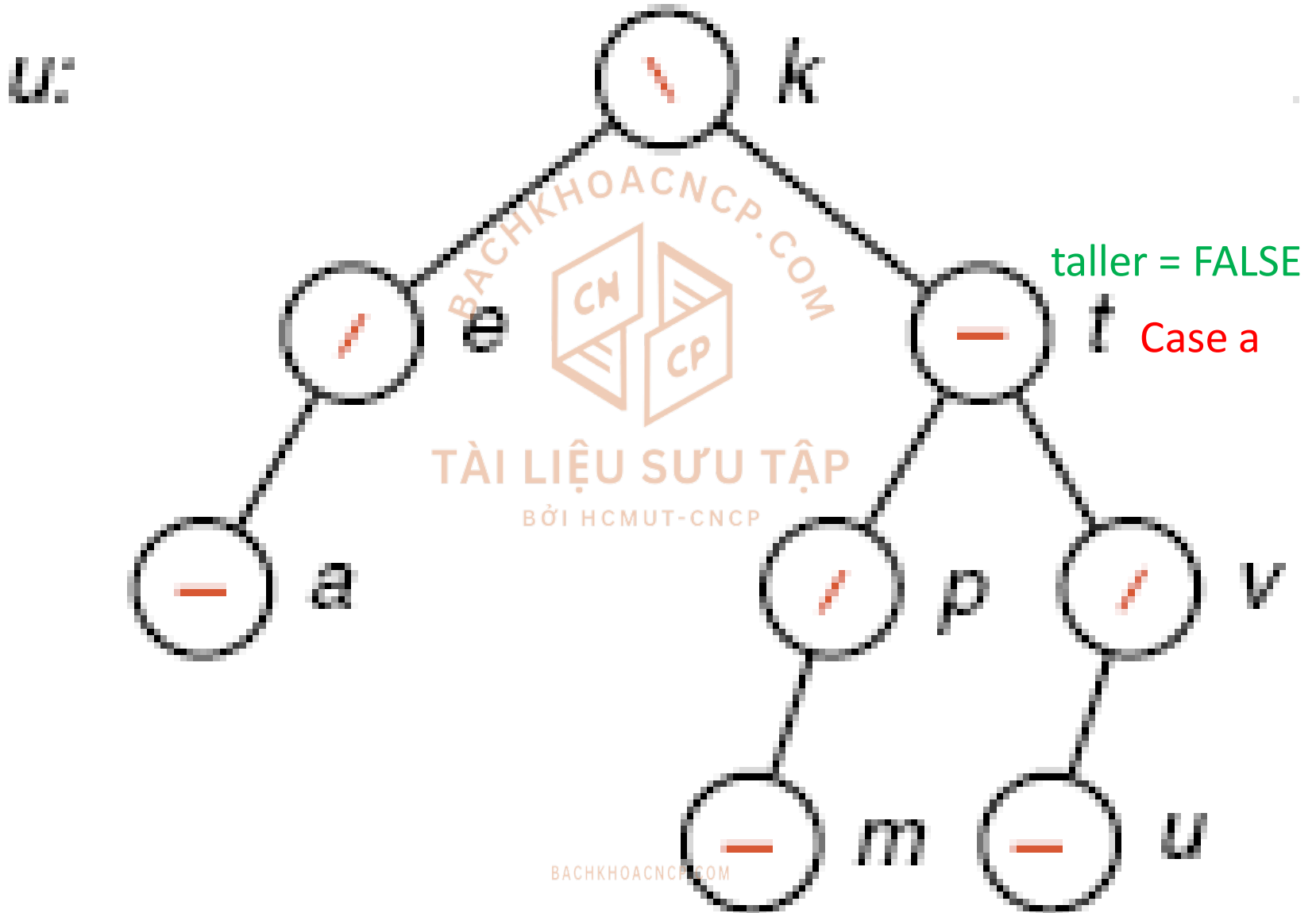
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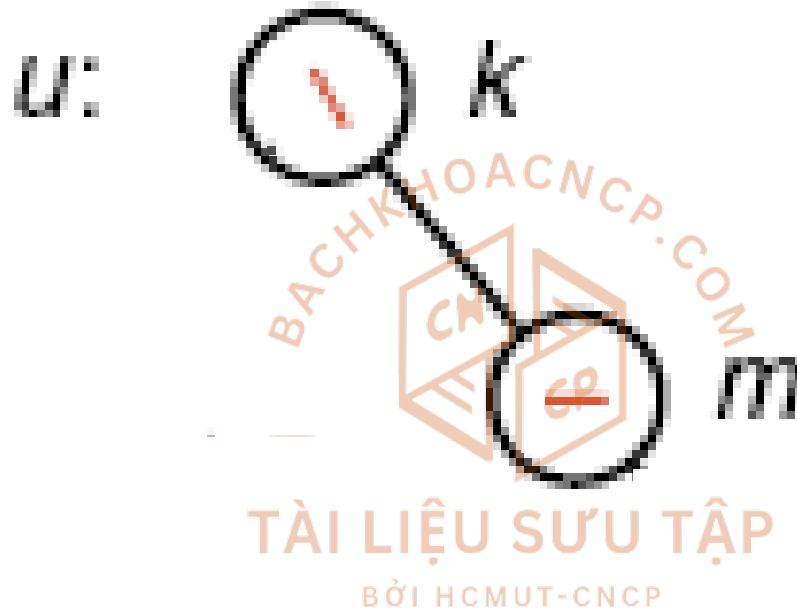
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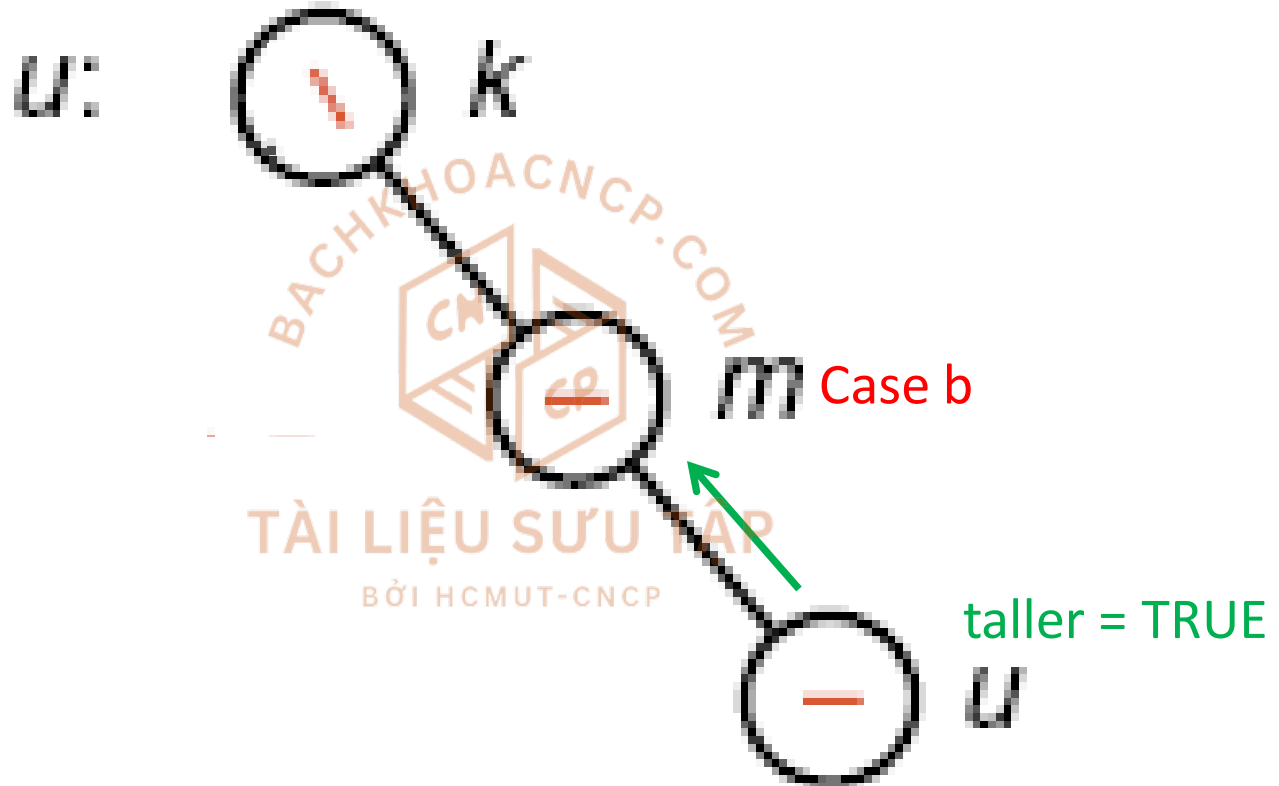
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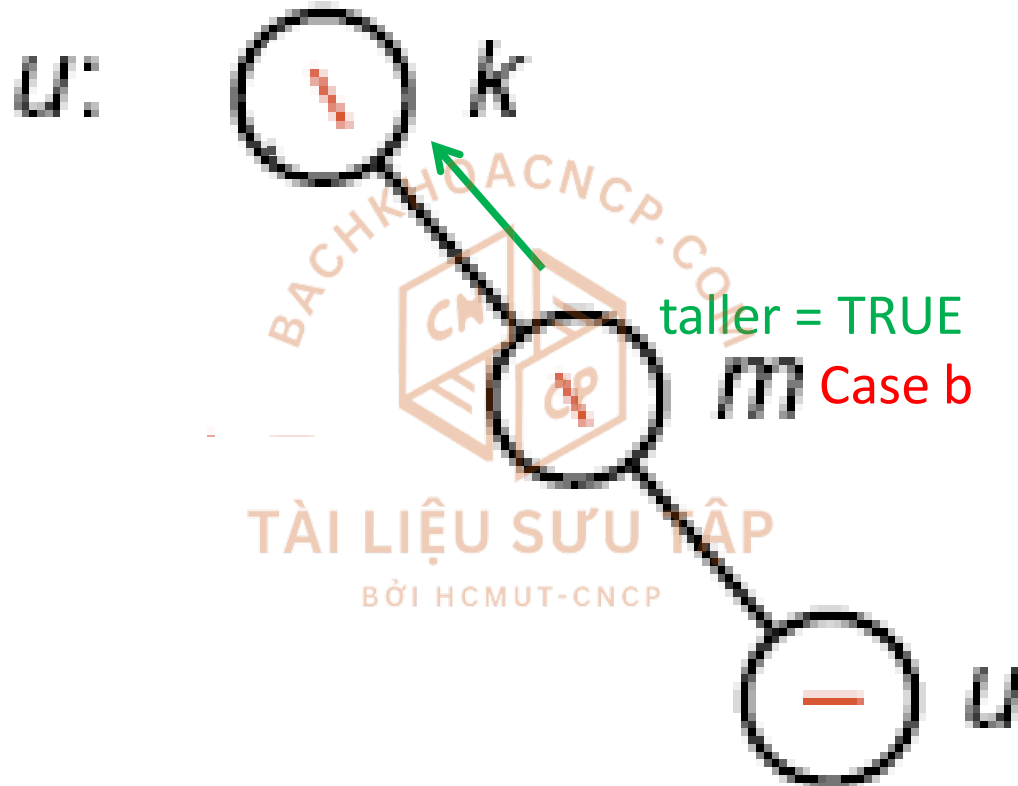
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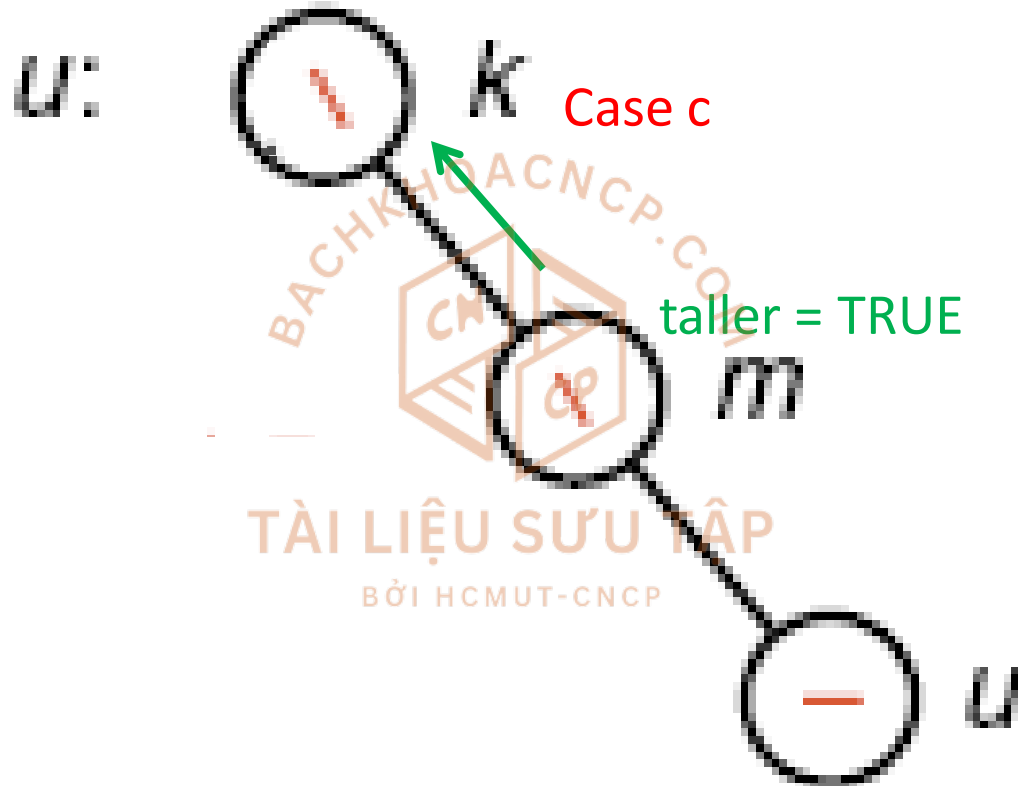


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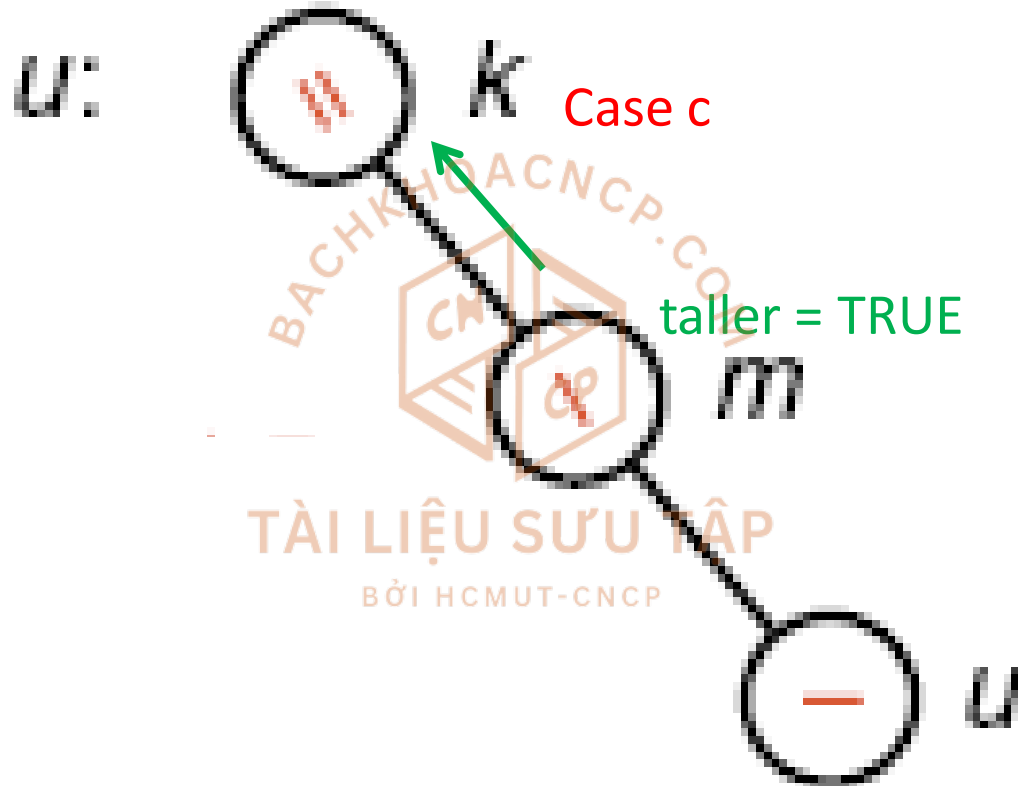




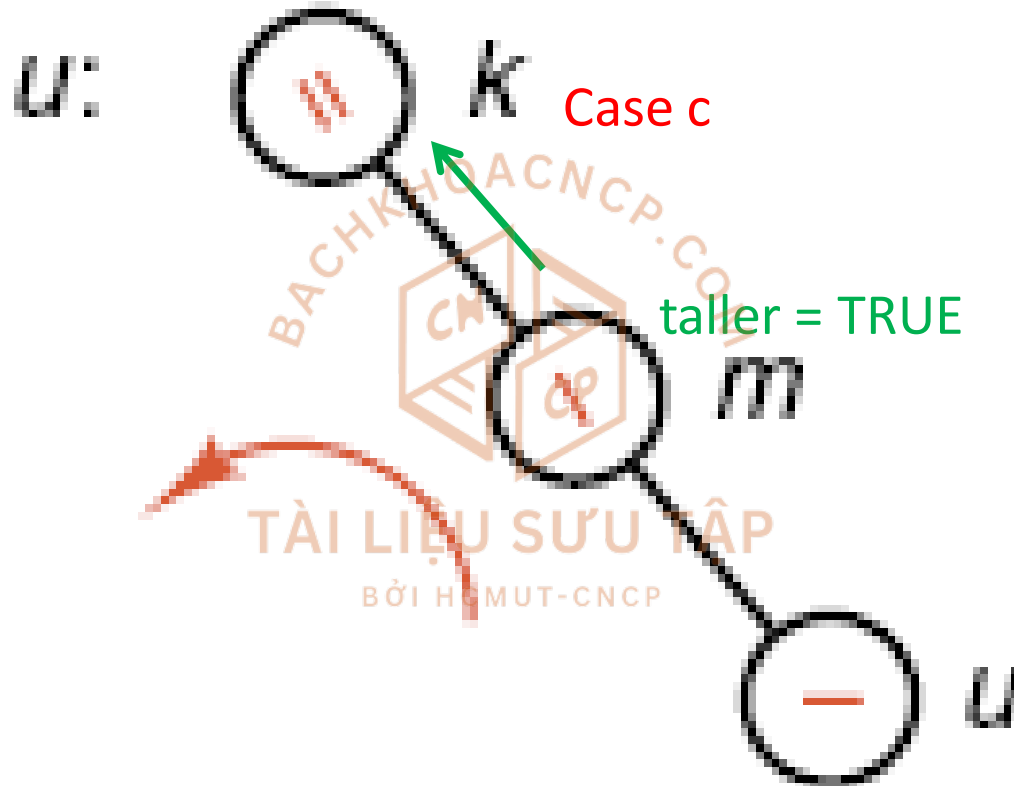
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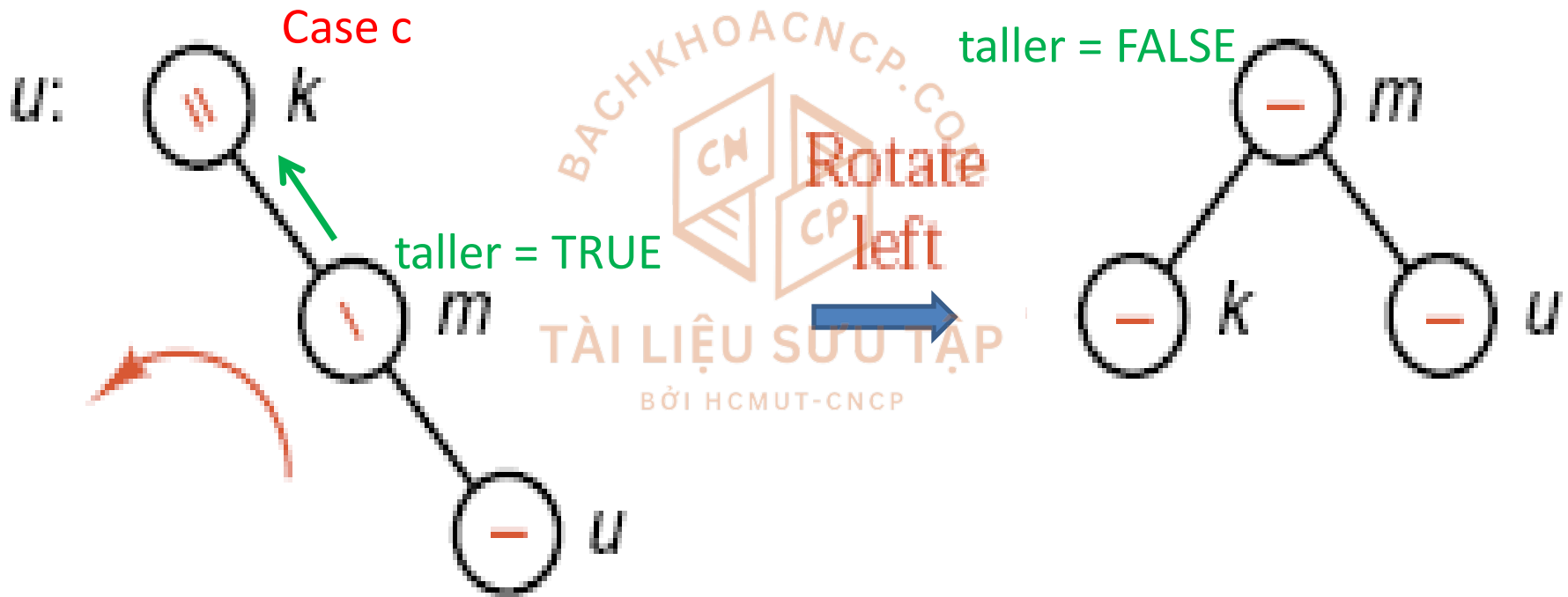


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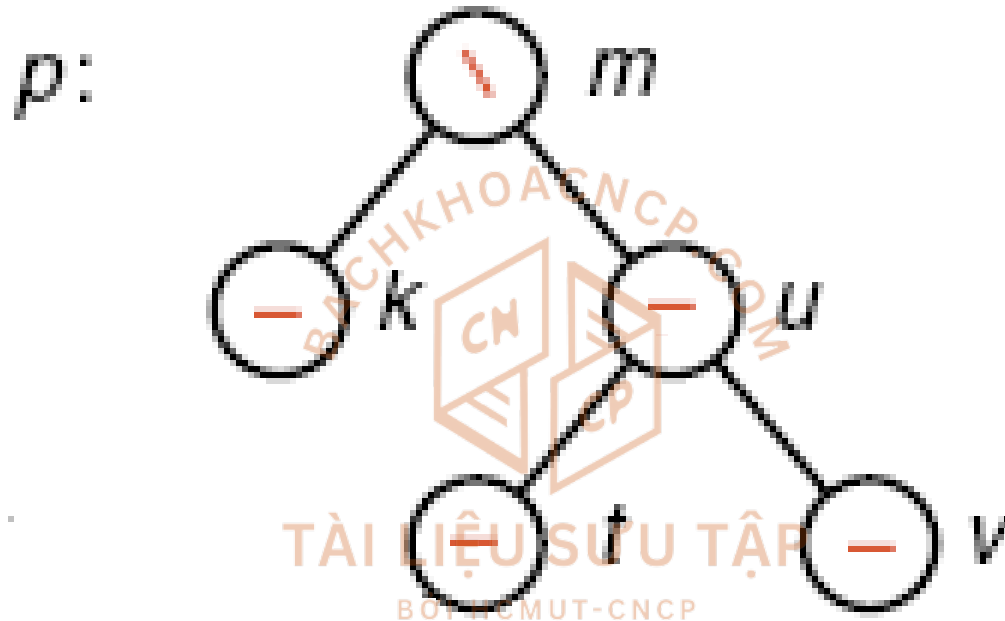
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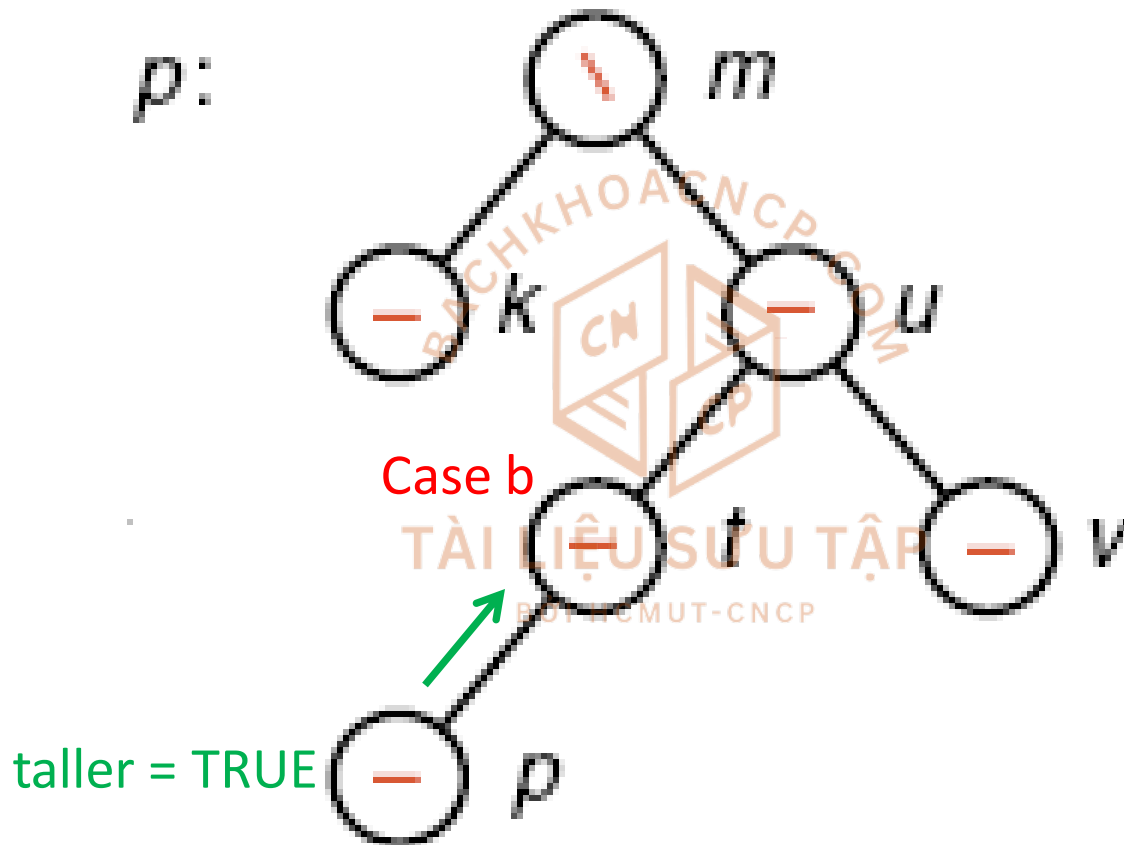


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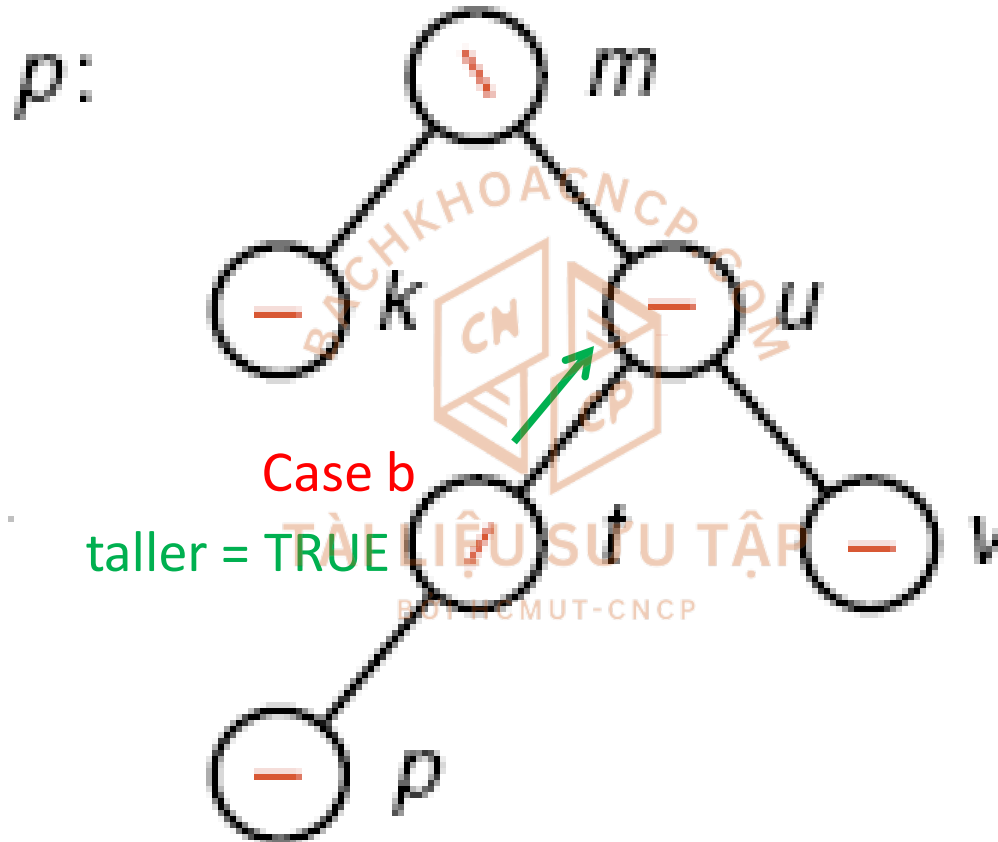
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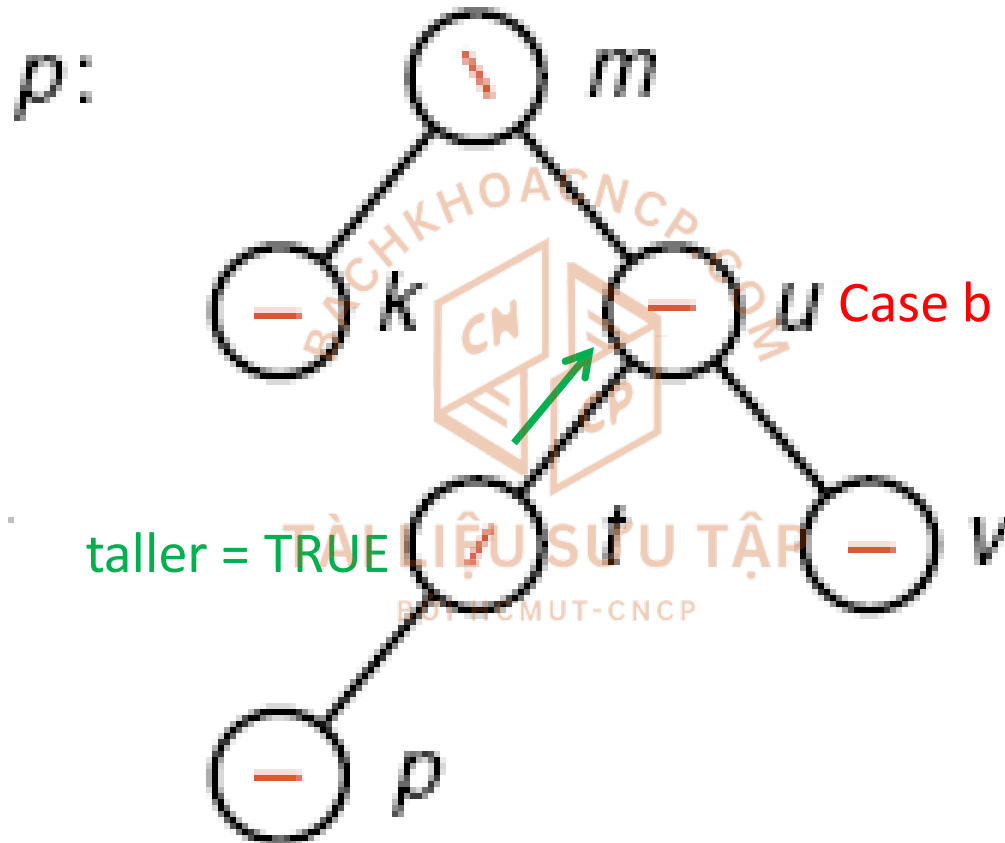
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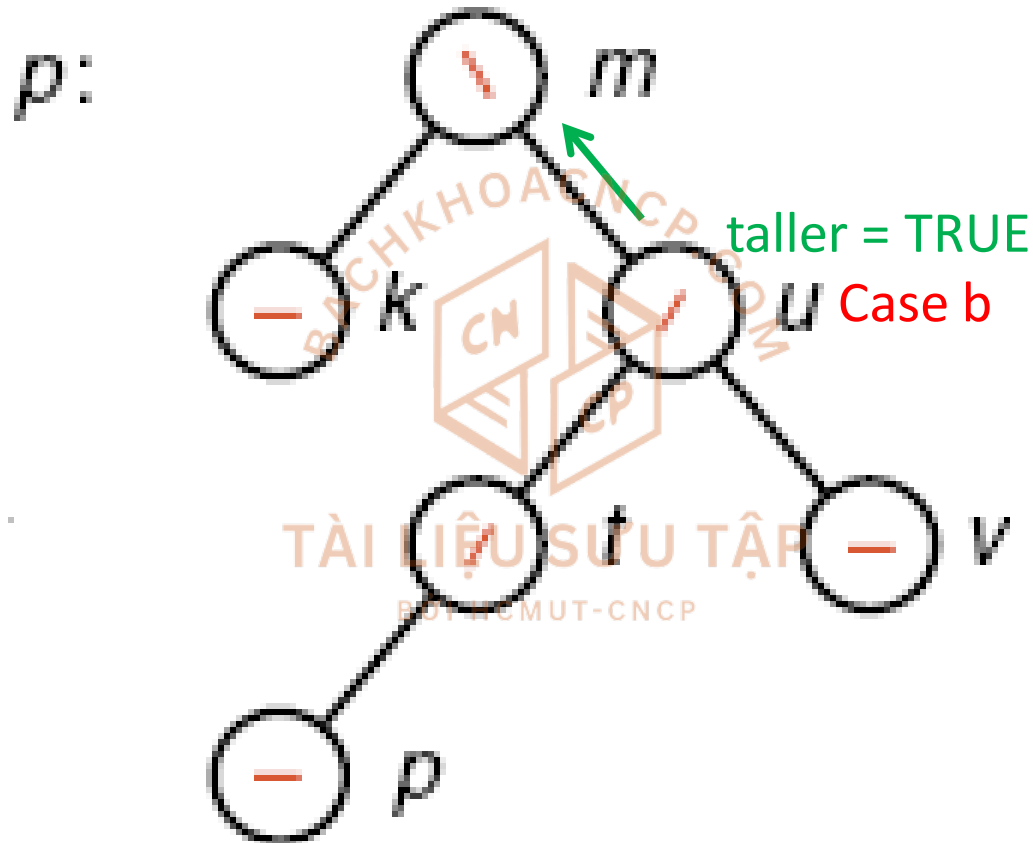


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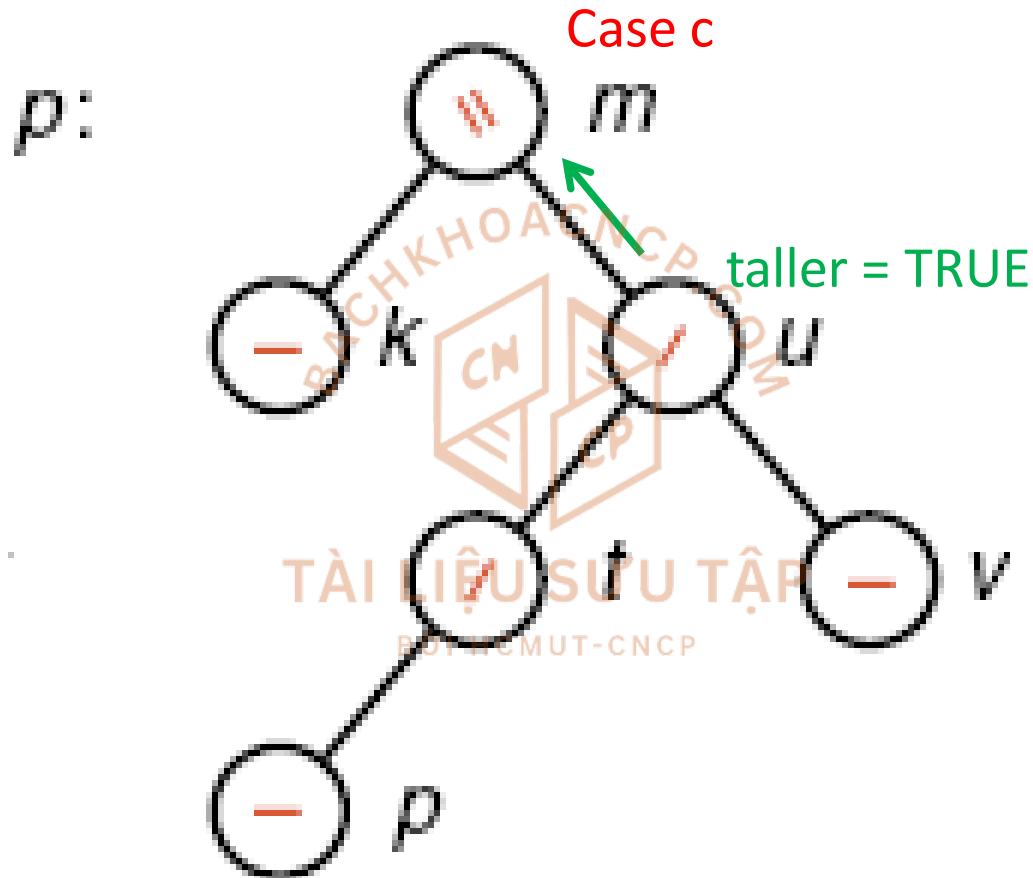




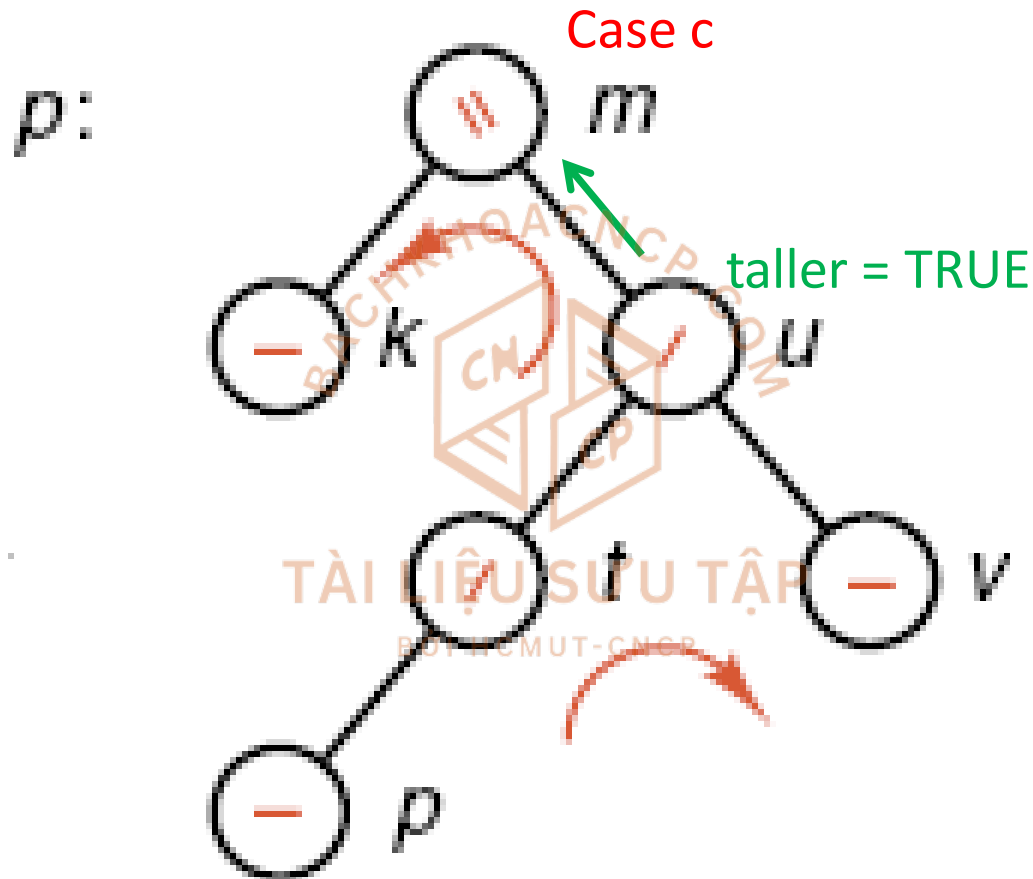
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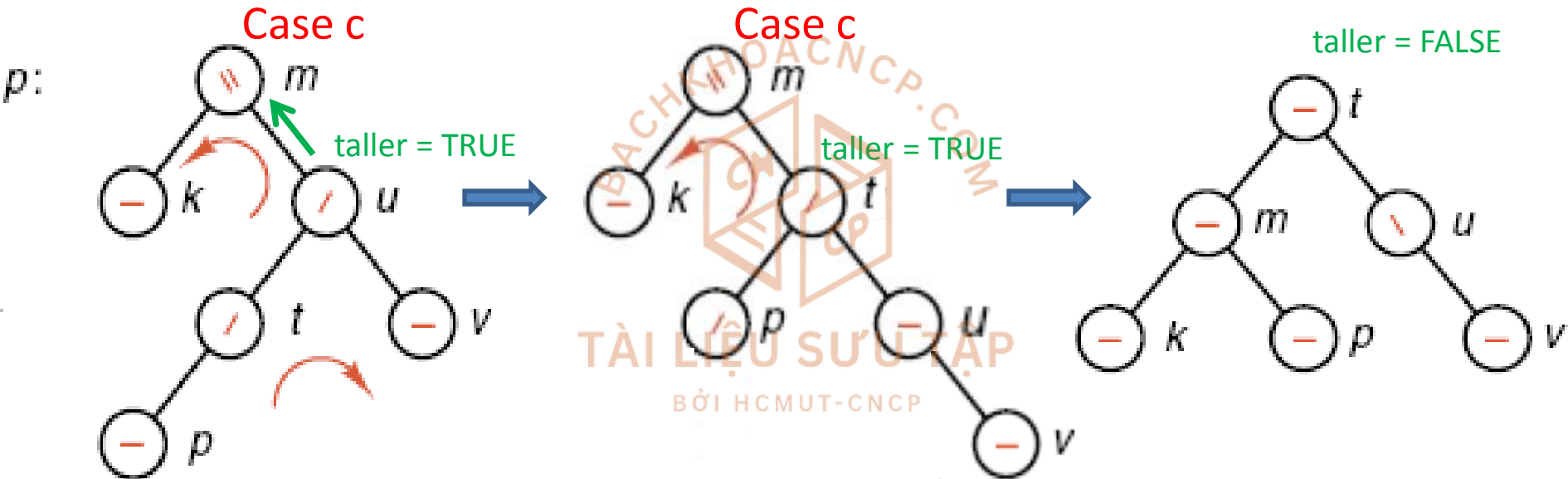


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Double Rotation

# Insert Node into AVL Tree

<ErrorCode> **Insert** (val **DataIn** <DataType>)

Inserts a new node into an AVL tree.

**Post** If the key of **DataIn** already belongs to the AVL tree, *duplicate\_error* is returned. Otherwise, **DataIn** is inserted into the tree in such a way that the properties of an AVL tree are preserved.

**Return** *duplicate\_error* or *success*.

**Uses** **recursive\_Insert** .

1. taller <boolean> // Has the tree grown in height?
2. return **recursive\_Insert** (**root**, **DataIn**, taller)

End Insert

# Recursive Insert

<ErrorCode> **recursive\_Insert** (ref **subroot** <pointer>, val **DataIn** <DataType>, ref **taller** <boolean>)

Inserts a new node into an AVL tree.

**Pre** **subroot** points to the root of a tree/ subtree.

**DataIn** contains data to be inserted into the subtree.

**Post** If the key of **DataIn** already belongs to the subtree, **duplicate\_error** is returned. Otherwise, **DataIn** is inserted into the subtree in such a way that the properties of an AVL tree are preserved.

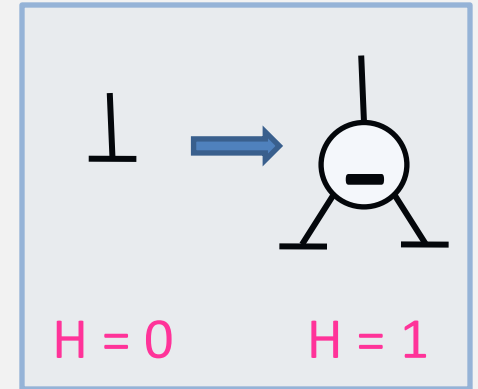
If the subtree *is increased in height*, the parameter **taller** is set to TRUE; otherwise it is set to FALSE.

**Return** **duplicate\_error** or **success**.

**Uses** **recursive\_Insert**, **left\_balance**, **right\_balance** functions.

# Recursive Insert (cont.)

1. result = *success*
2. if (subroot is NULL)
  1. Allocate subroot
  2. subroot ->data = DataIn
  3. taller = **TRUE**
3. else if (DataIn = subroot ->data)
  1. result = *duplicate\_error*
  2. taller = **FALSE**
4. else if (DataIn < subroot ->data)



# Recursive Insert (cont.)

4. **else if** (`DataIn < subroot->data`) *// Insert in the left subtree*

1. `result = recursive_Insert(subroot->left, DataIn, taller)`

2. **if** (`taller = TRUE`)

1. **if** (`balance of subroot = left_higher`)

1. `left_balance(subroot)`

2. `taller = FALSE`

*// Rebalancing always shortens the tree.*

2. **else if** (`balance of subroot = equal_height`)

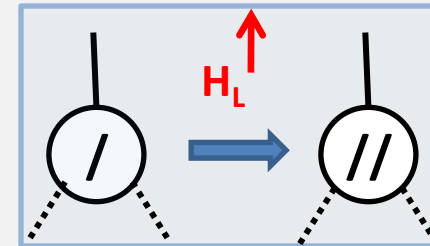
1. `subroot->balance = left_higher`

3. **else if** (`balance of subroot = right_higher`)

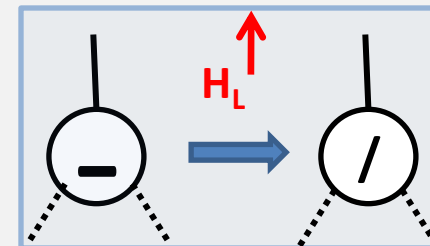
1. `subroot->balance = equal_height`

2. `taller = FALSE`

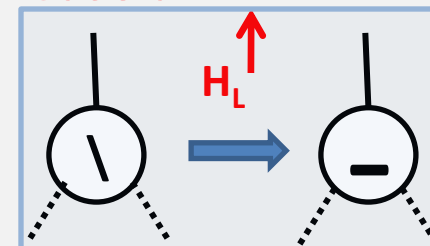
Case c



Case b



Case a





4. **else** // (DataIn > subroot->data) *Insert in the right subtree*

1. result = **recursive\_Insert**(subroot->right, DataIn, **taller** )

2. **if** (**taller** = TRUE)

1. **if** (balance of **subroot** = *left\_higher*)

1. **subroot**->balance = *equal\_height*

2. **taller** = FALSE

2. **else if** (balance of **subroot** = *equal\_height*)

1. **subroot**->balance = *right\_higher*

3. **else if** (balance of **subroot** = *right\_higher*)

1. **right\_balance** (**subroot**)

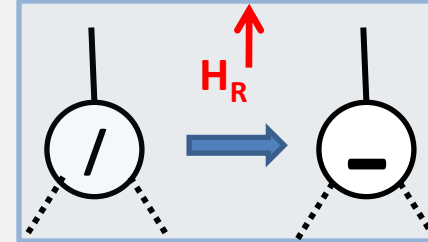
2. **taller** = FALSE

*// Rebalancing always shortens the tree.*

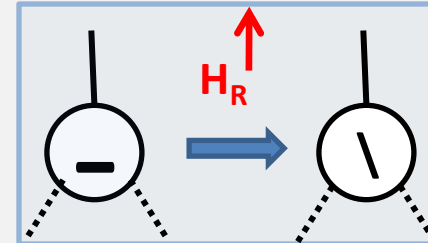
1. return result

End recursive\_Insert

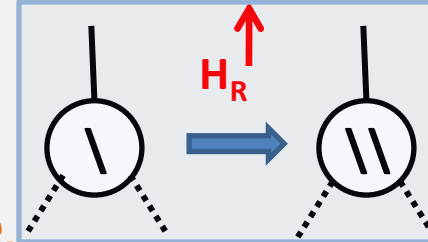
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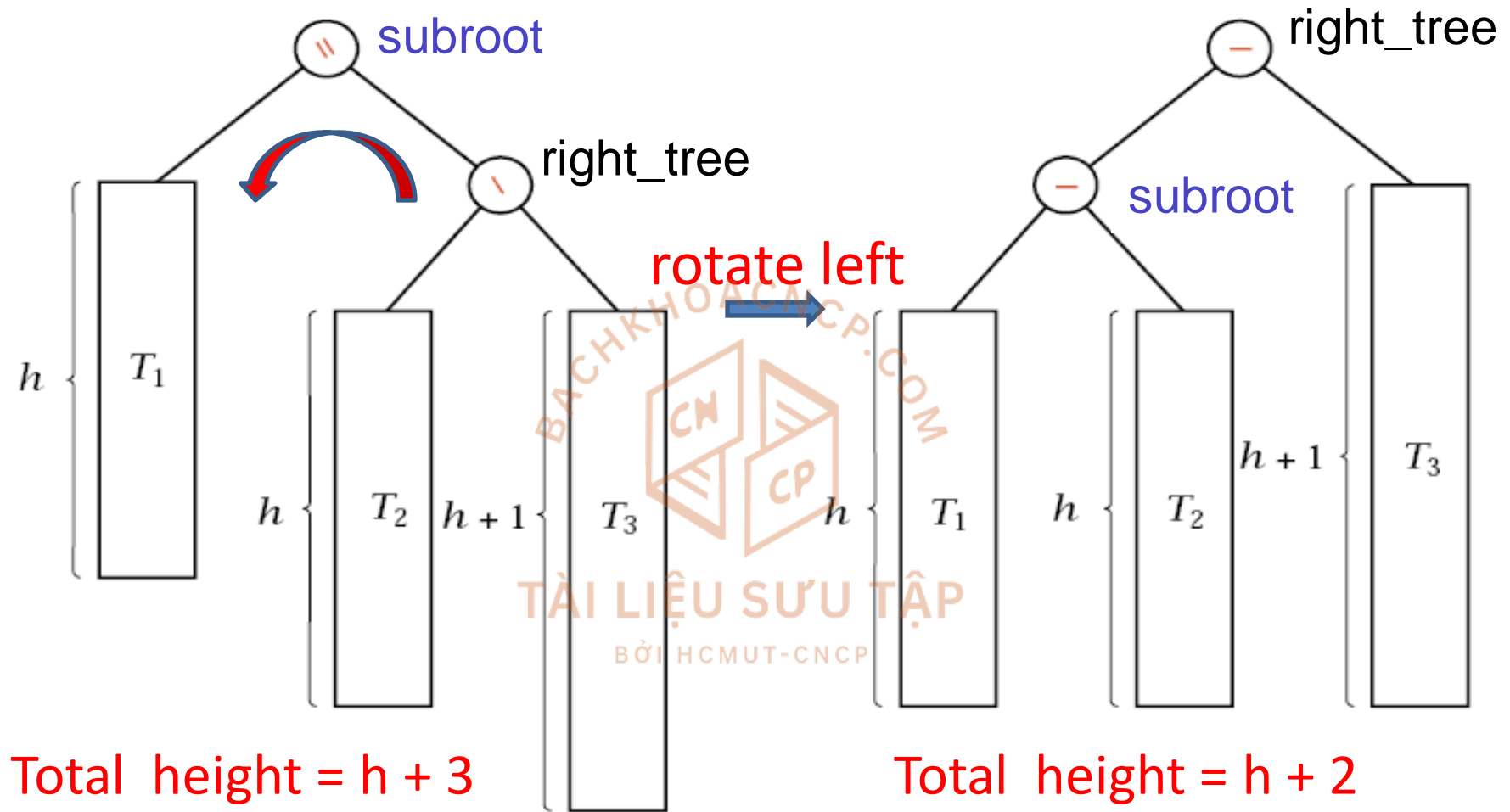
Case b



Case c



# Rotation of an AVL Tree



1. `right_tree = subroot->right`
2. `subroot->right = right_tree->left`
3. `right_tree->left = subroot`
4. `subroot = right_tree`

# Rotation of an AVL Tree

<void> **rotate\_left** (ref **subroot** <pointer>)

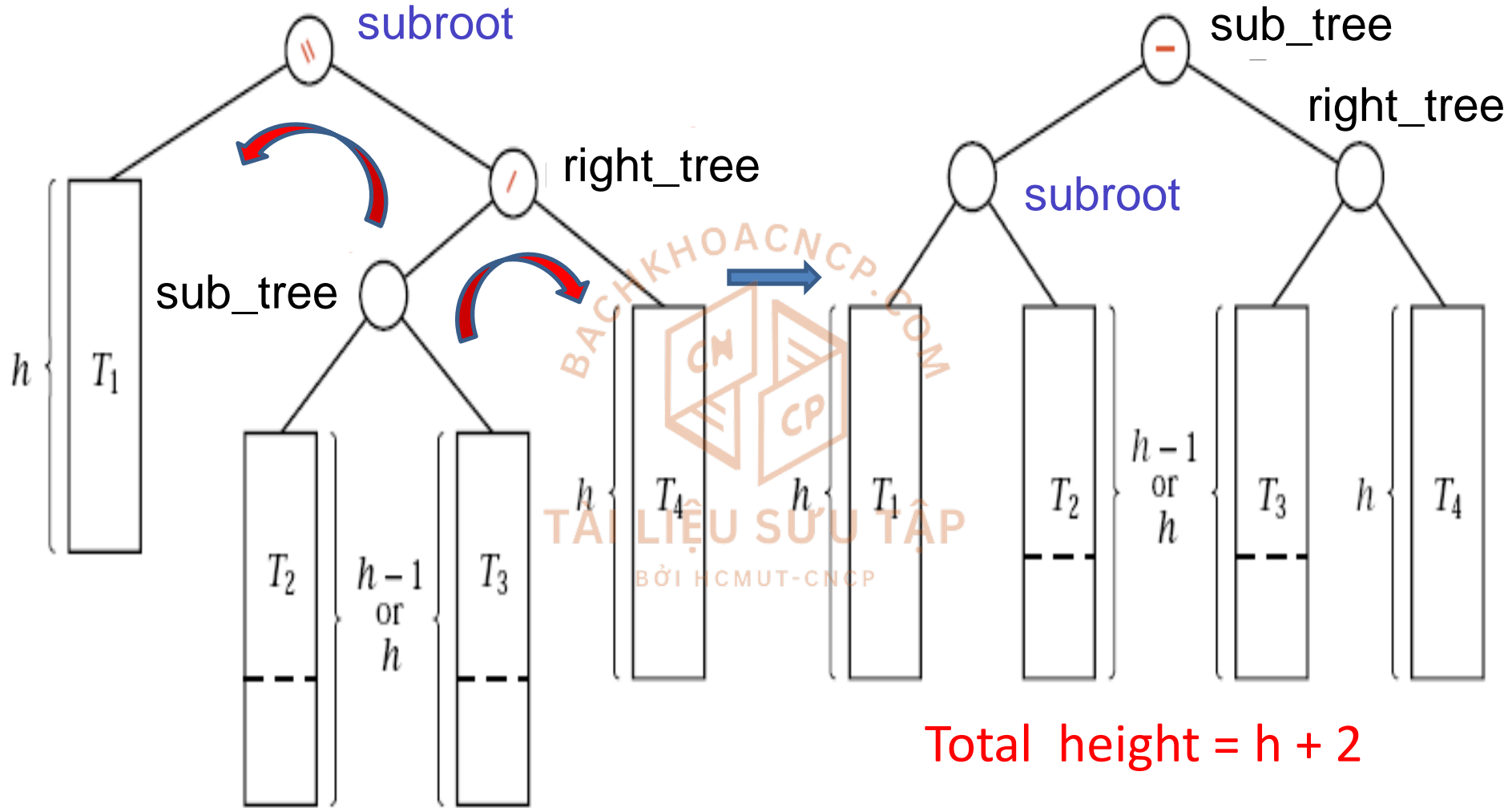
**Pre** **subroot** is not NULL and points to the subtree of the AVL tree. This subtree has a nonempty right subtree.

**Post** **subroot** is reset to point to its former right child, and the former **subroot** node is the left child of the new **subroot** node.

1. **right\_tree** = **subroot**->**right**
2. **subroot**->**right** = **right\_tree**->**left**
3. **right\_tree**->**left** = **subroot**
4. **subroot** = **right\_tree**

End rotate\_left

# Double Rotate



One of  $T_2$  or  $T_3$  has height  $h$ .

Total height =  $h + 3$

# Double Rotate

The new balance factors for subroot and right\_tree depend on the previous balance factor for subtree

<i>old</i> sub_tree	<i>new</i> subroot	<i>new</i> right_tree	<i>new</i> sub_tree
-	-	-	-
/	-	\	-
\	/	-	-

# right\_balance function

<void> **right\_balance** (ref **subroot** <pointer>)

**Pre** **subroot** points to a subtree of an AVL tree, doubly unbalanced on the right.

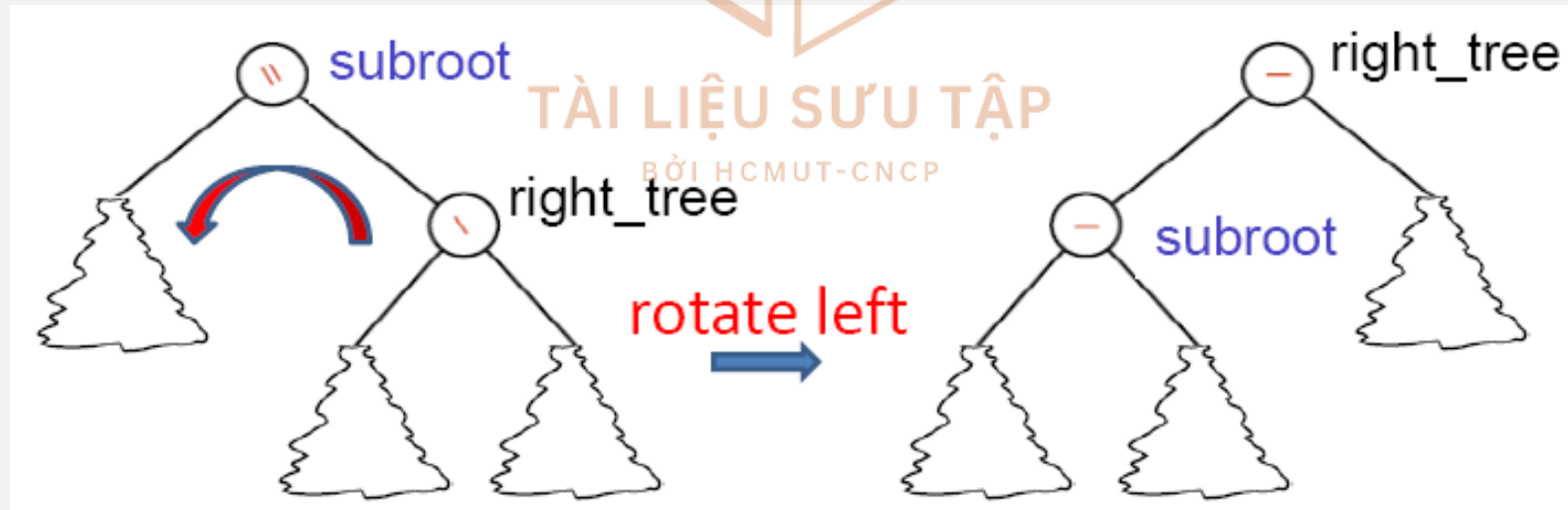
**Post** The AVL properties have been restored to the subtree.

**Uses** **rotate\_right**, **rotate\_left** functions.

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# right\_balance function (cont.)

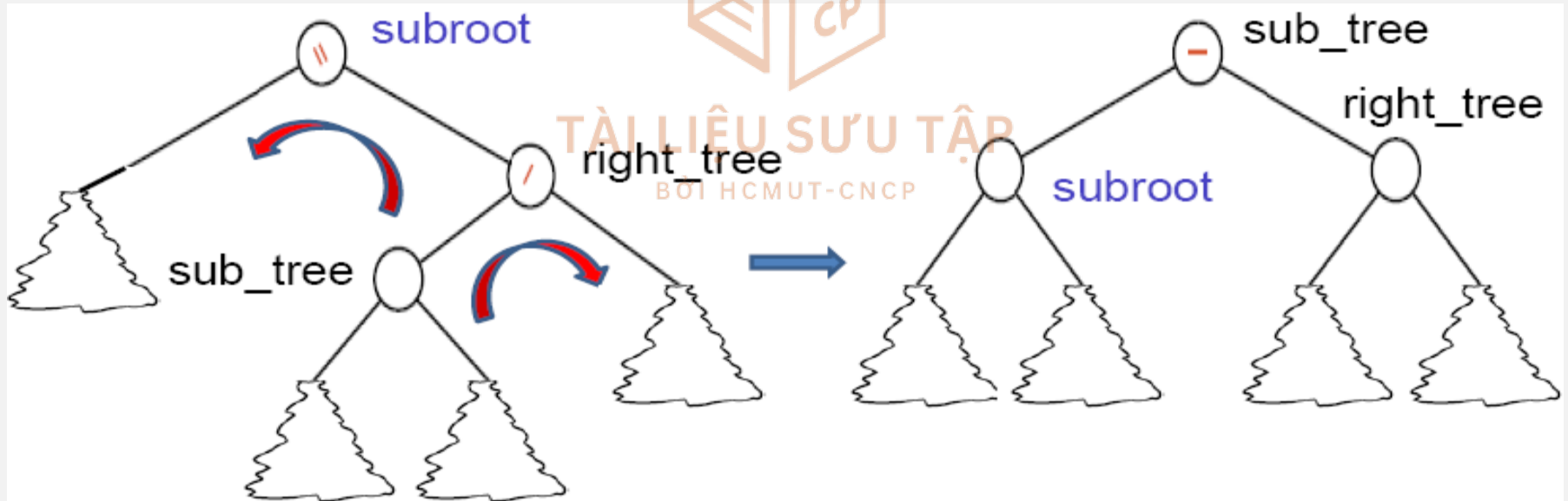
1. `right_tree = subroot->right`
2. if (balance of `right_tree` = *right\_higher*)
  1. `subroot->balance = equal_height`
  2. `right_tree->balance = equal_height`
  3. `rotate_left (subroot)`



3. if (balance of `right_tree` = *equal\_height*) // impossible case

# right\_balance function (cont.)

4. if (balance of right\_tree = *left\_higher*)
  1. subtree = right\_tree->left
  2. subtree->balance = *equal\_height*
  3. rotate\_right (right\_tree)
  4. rotate\_left (subroot)





# right\_balance function (cont.)

5. **if** (balance of subtree = *equal\_height*)
  1. *subroot*->balance = *equal\_height*
  2. *right\_tree*->balance = *equal\_height*
6. **else if** (balance of subtree = *left\_higher*)
  1. *subroot*->balance = *equal\_height*
  2. *right\_tree*->balance = *right\_higher*
7. **else** // (balance of subtree = *right\_higher*)
  1. *subroot*->balance = *left\_higher*
  2. *right\_tree*->balance = *equal\_height*

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End right\_balance

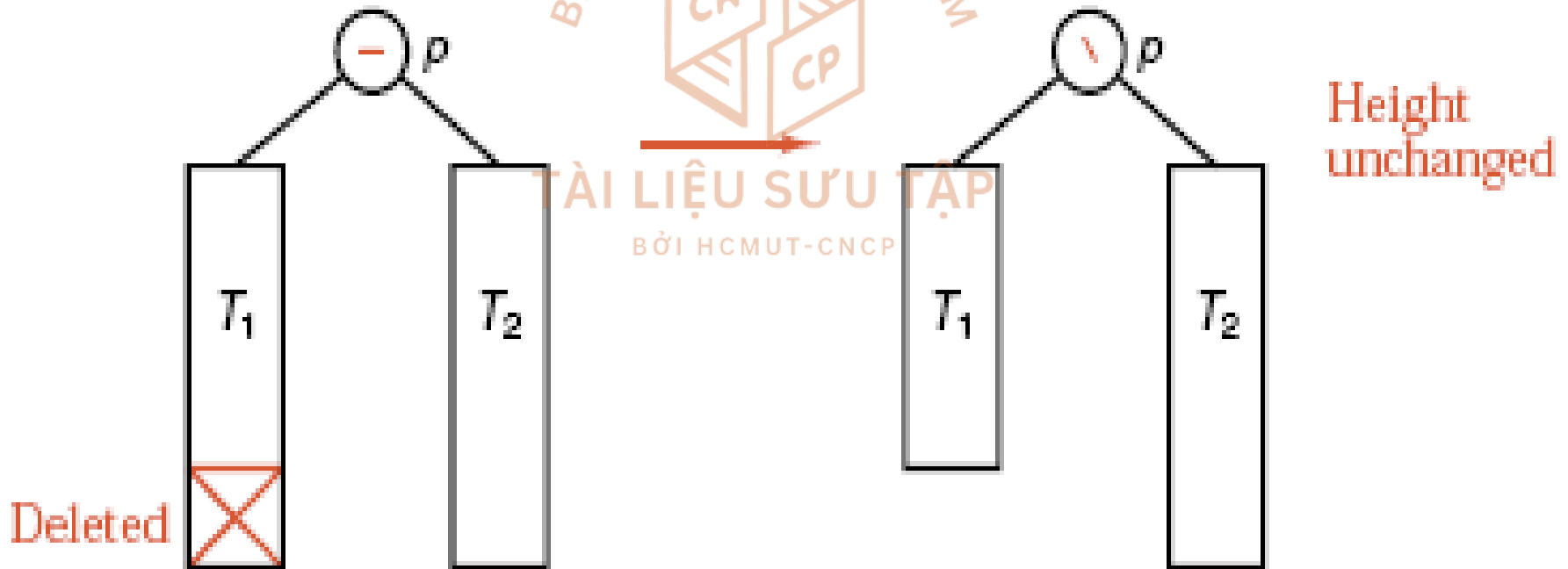
<i>old</i> sub_tree	<i>new</i> subroot	<i>new</i> right_tree	<i>new</i> sub_tree
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/	-	\	-
\	/	-	-

# Removal of a node

- Reduce the problem to the case when the node  $x$  to be removed has at most one child.
- We use a parameter **shorter** to show if the height of a subtree has been shortened.
- While **shorter** is TRUE, do the following steps for each **node p** on the path from the parent of  $x$  to the root of the tree.
- When **shorter** becomes FALSE, the algorithm terminates.

# Removal of a node

- **Case 1:** Node  $p$  has balance factor **equal**.  
So only this balance factor must be changed.  
The height of  $p$  is unchanged.  
**shorter** becomes FALSE.



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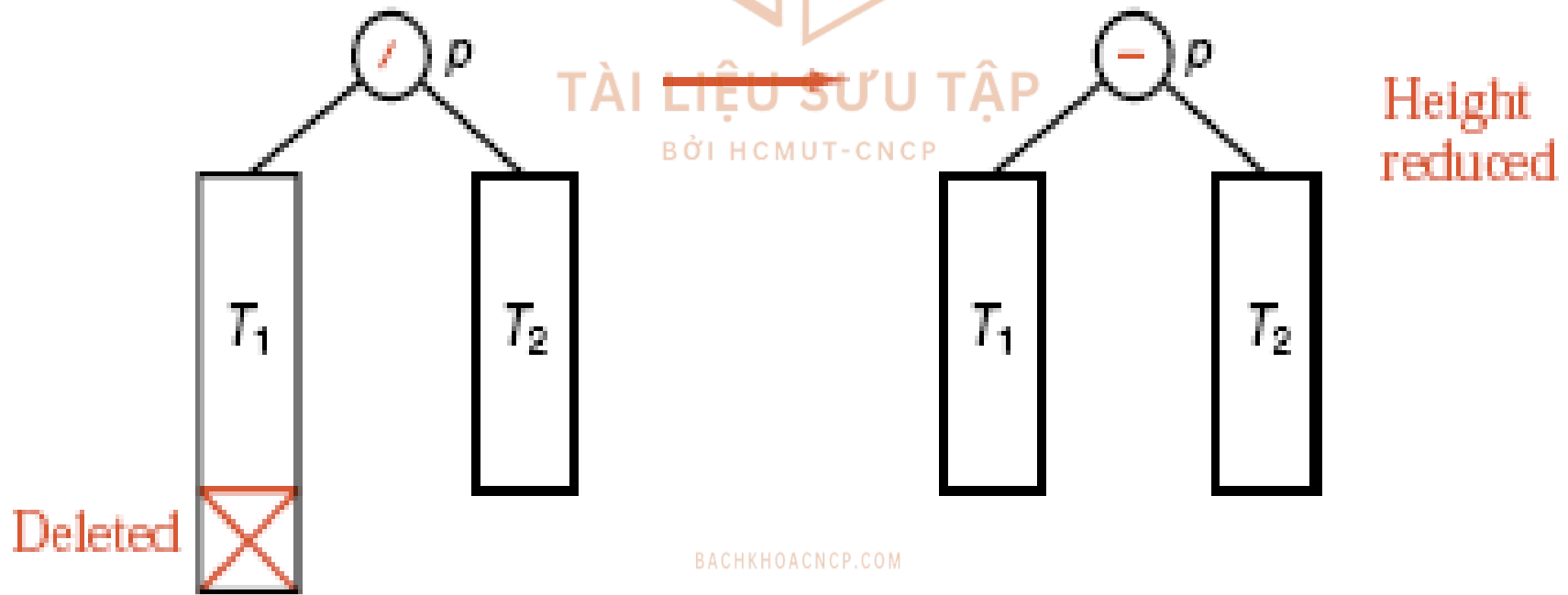
# Removal of a node

- **Case 2:** The balance factor of  $p$  is **not equal**, the taller subtree was shortened.

So the balance factor must be changed.

The height of  $p$  is decreased.

**shorter** remains TRUE.



# Removal of a node

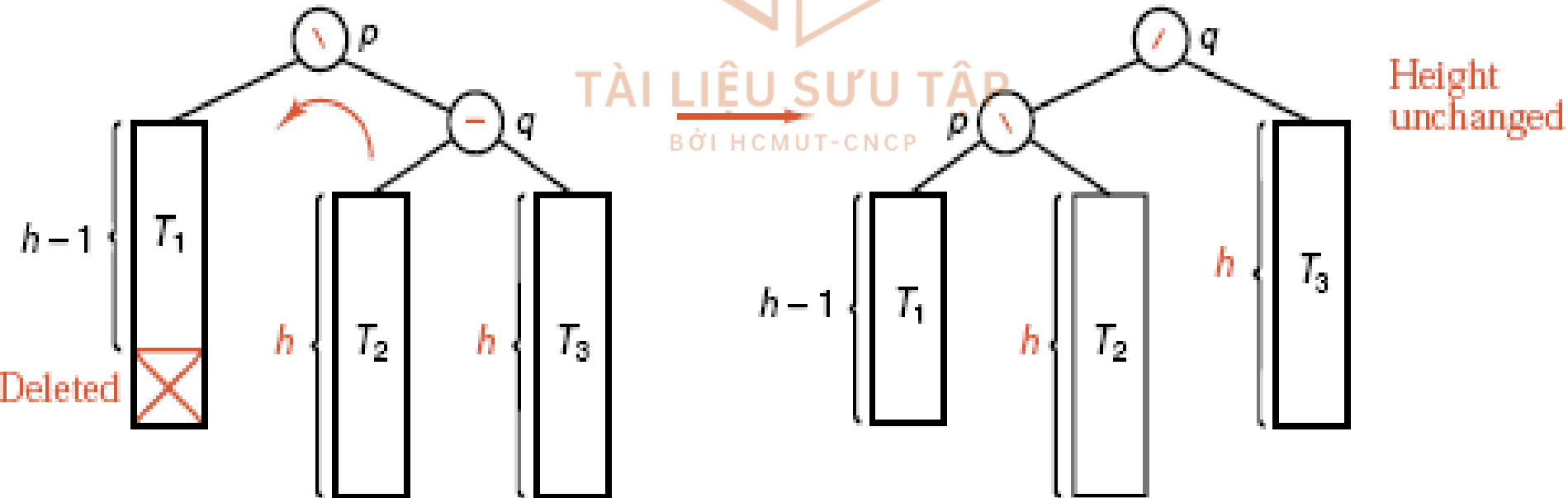
- Case 3:** The balance factor of  $p$  is **not equal**, the shorter subtree was shortened.

So AVL definition is violated at  $p$ . Rebalancing must be done.

Let  $q$  be the root of the taller subtree of  $p$ .

Case 3a: The balance factor of  $q$  is **equal**.

So **single rotation** needs to do. **shorter** becomes FALSE.



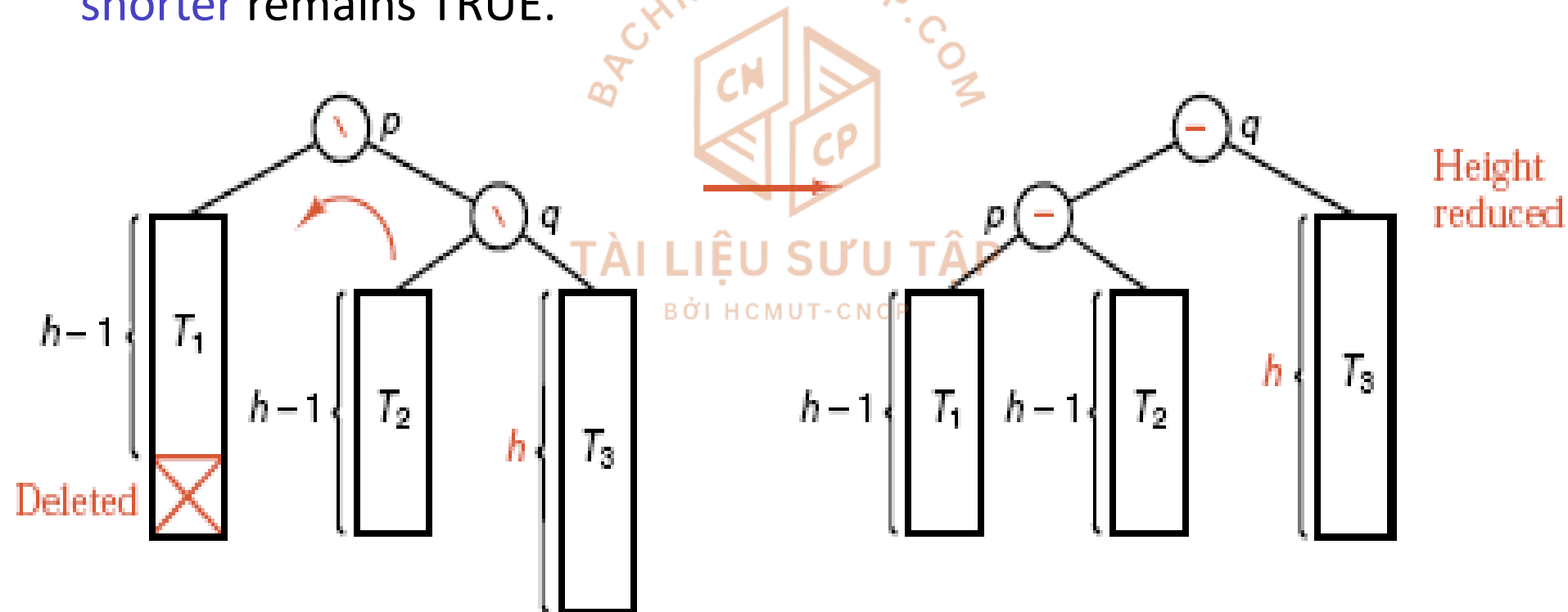
# Removal of a node

Case 3b: The balance factor of  $q$  is the same as that of  $p$ .

So single rotation needs to do.

Balance factors of  $p$  and  $q$  become equal.

shorter remains TRUE.



# Removal of a node

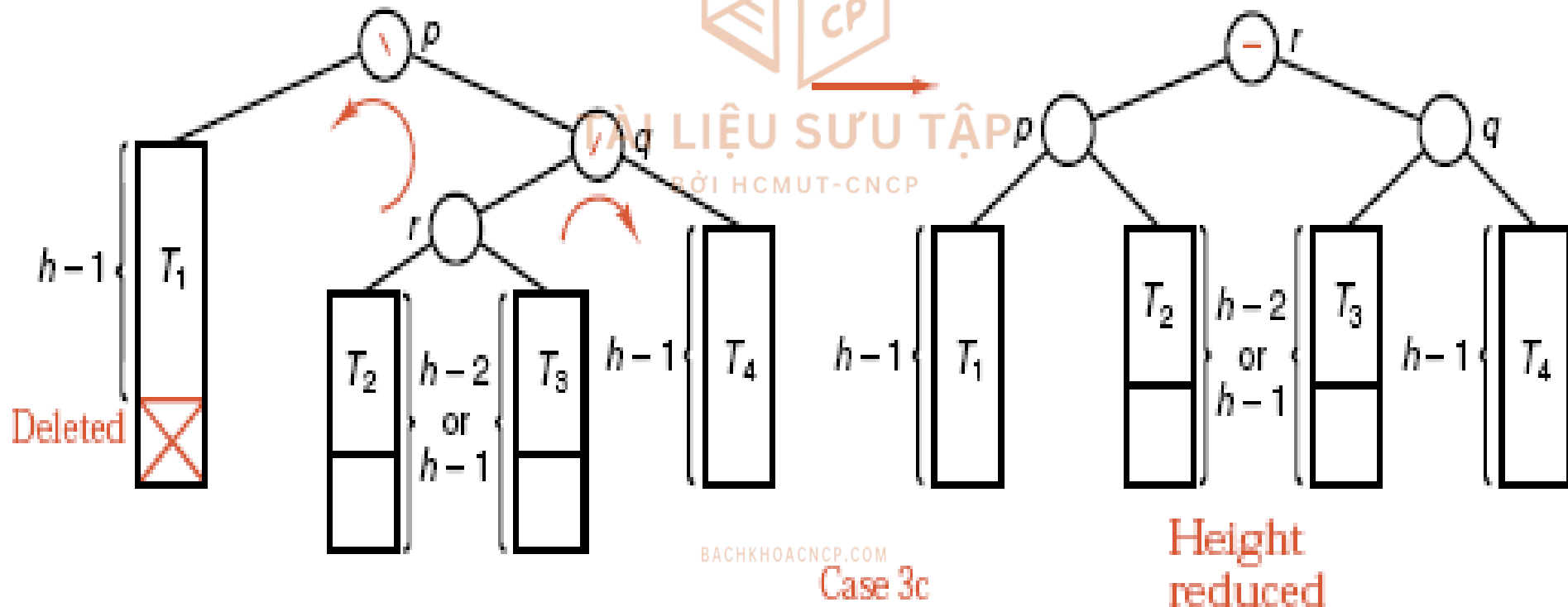
Case 3c: The balance factor of  $q$  and  $p$  are opposite.

Double rotation must be done (first around  $q$ , then around  $p$ ).

The balance factor of the new root is equal.

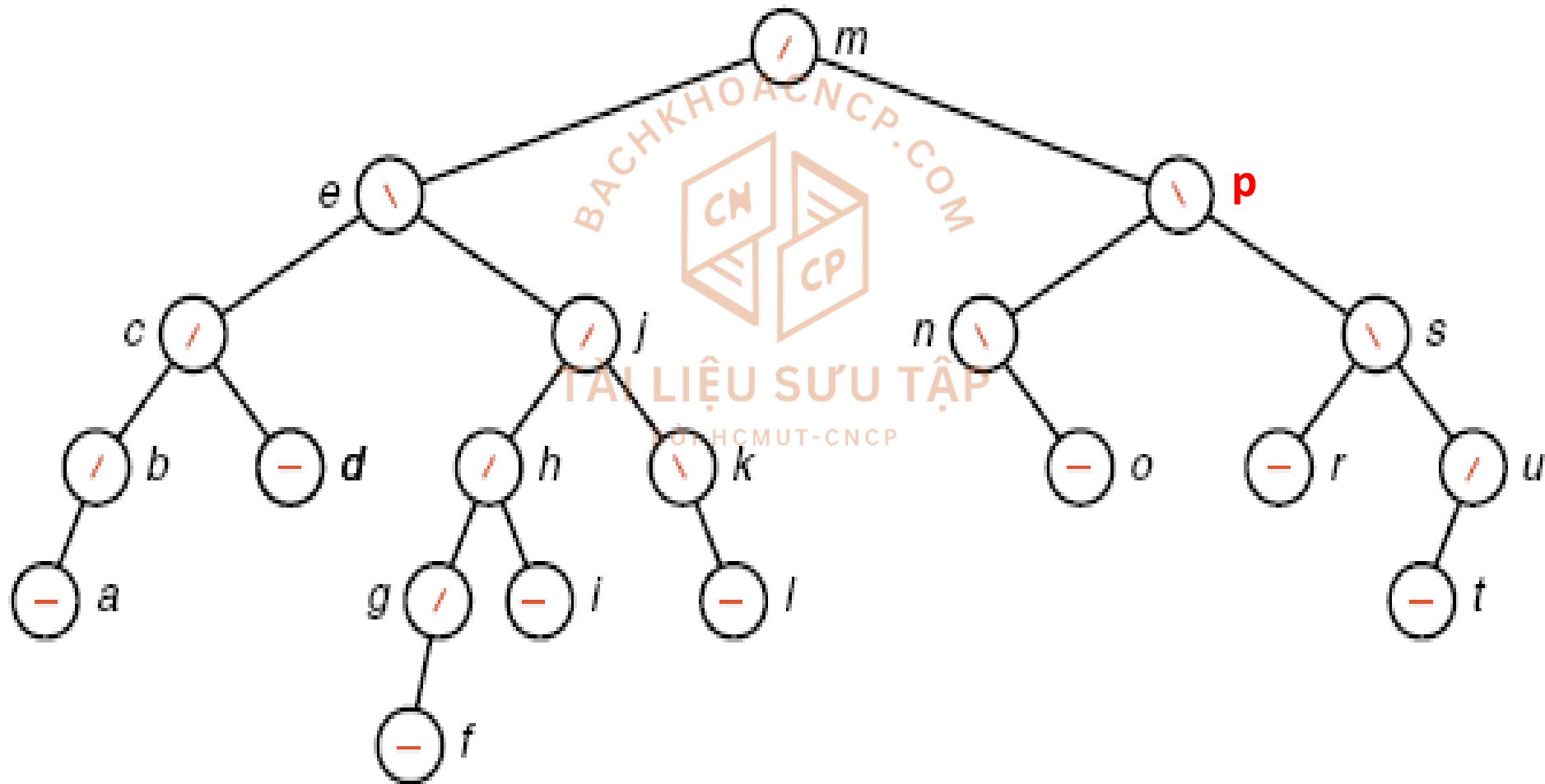
Other balance factors are set as appropriate.

shorter remains TRUE.



# Removal of a node

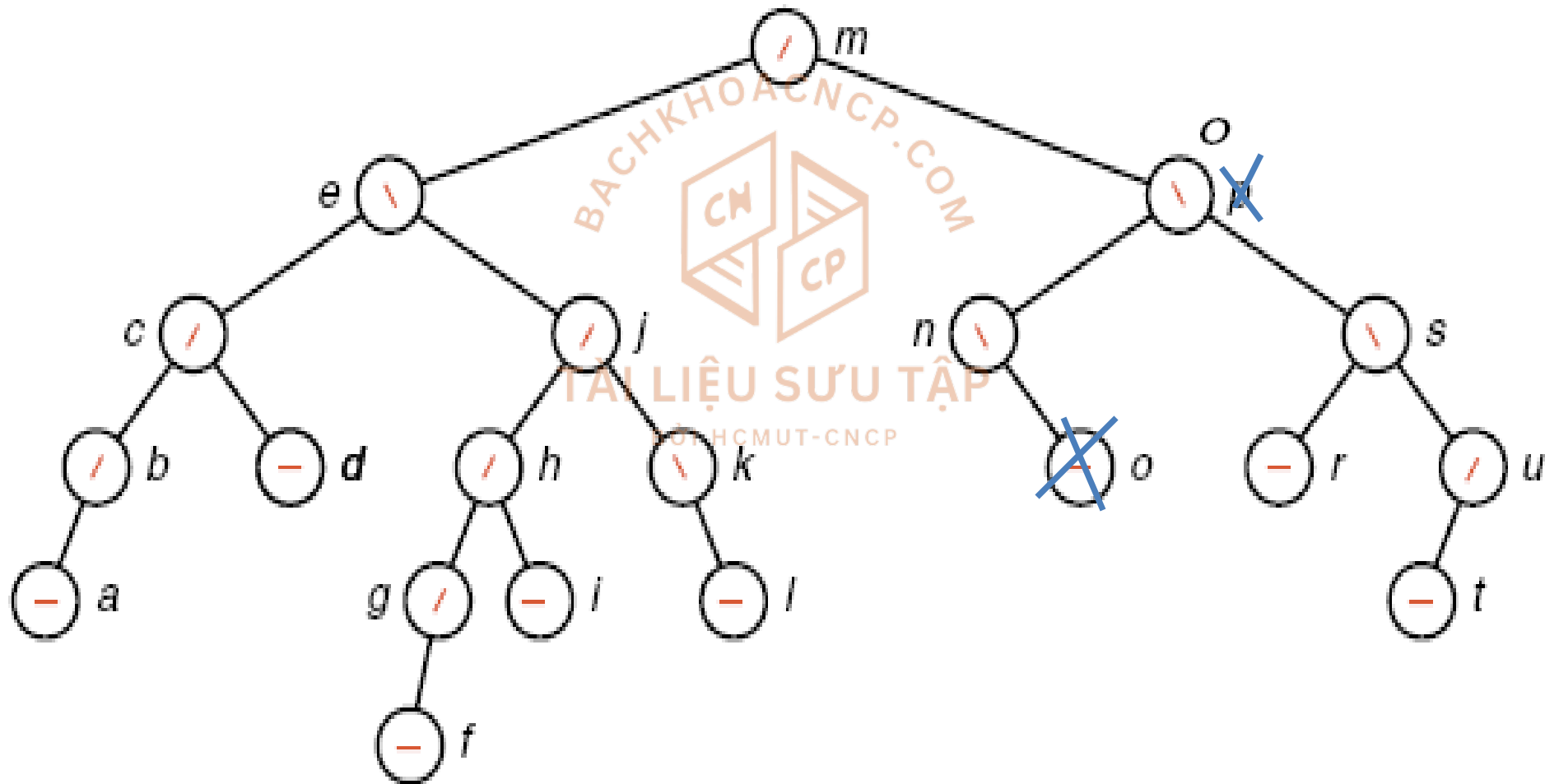
Delete p





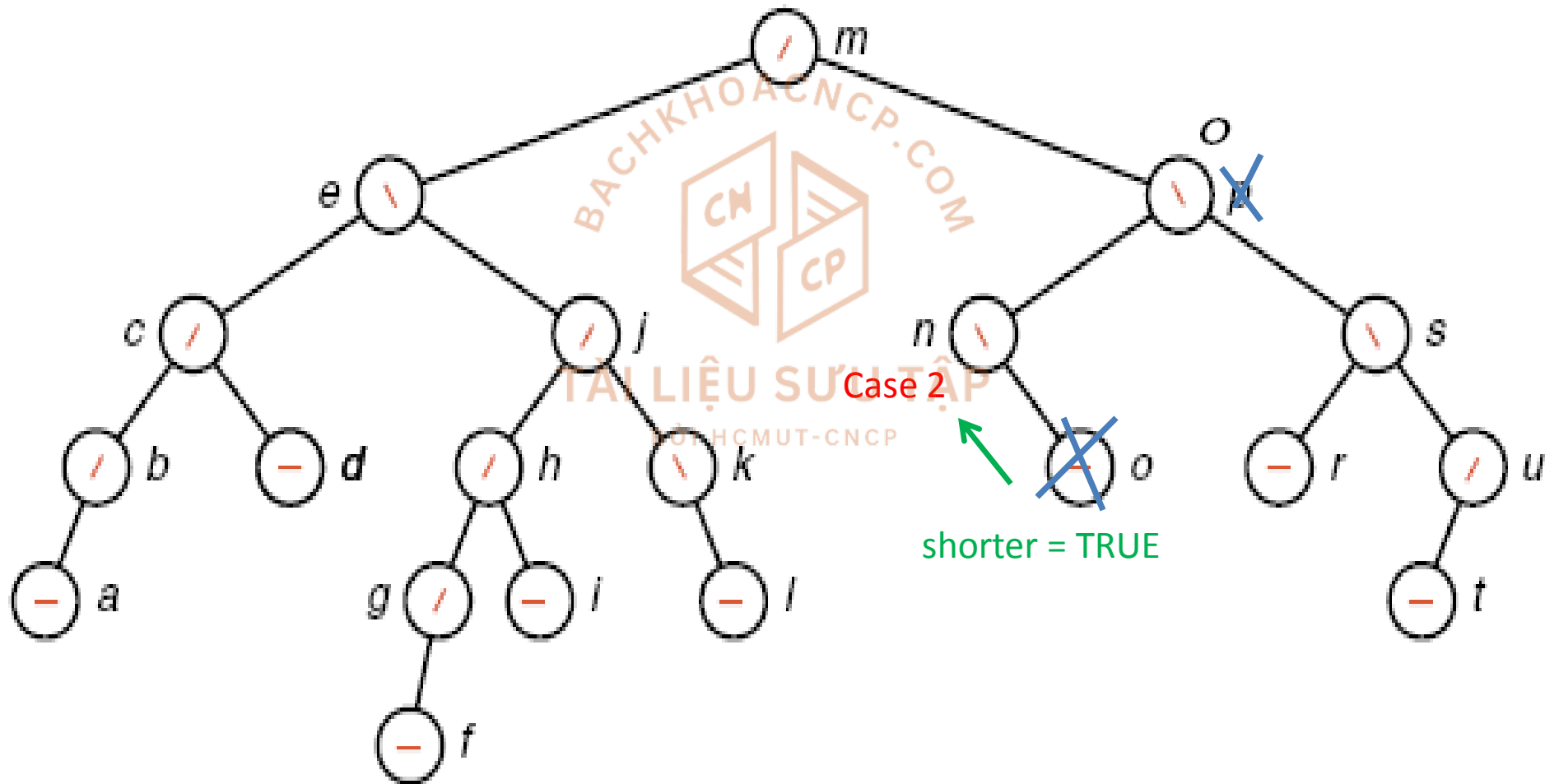
# Removal of a node

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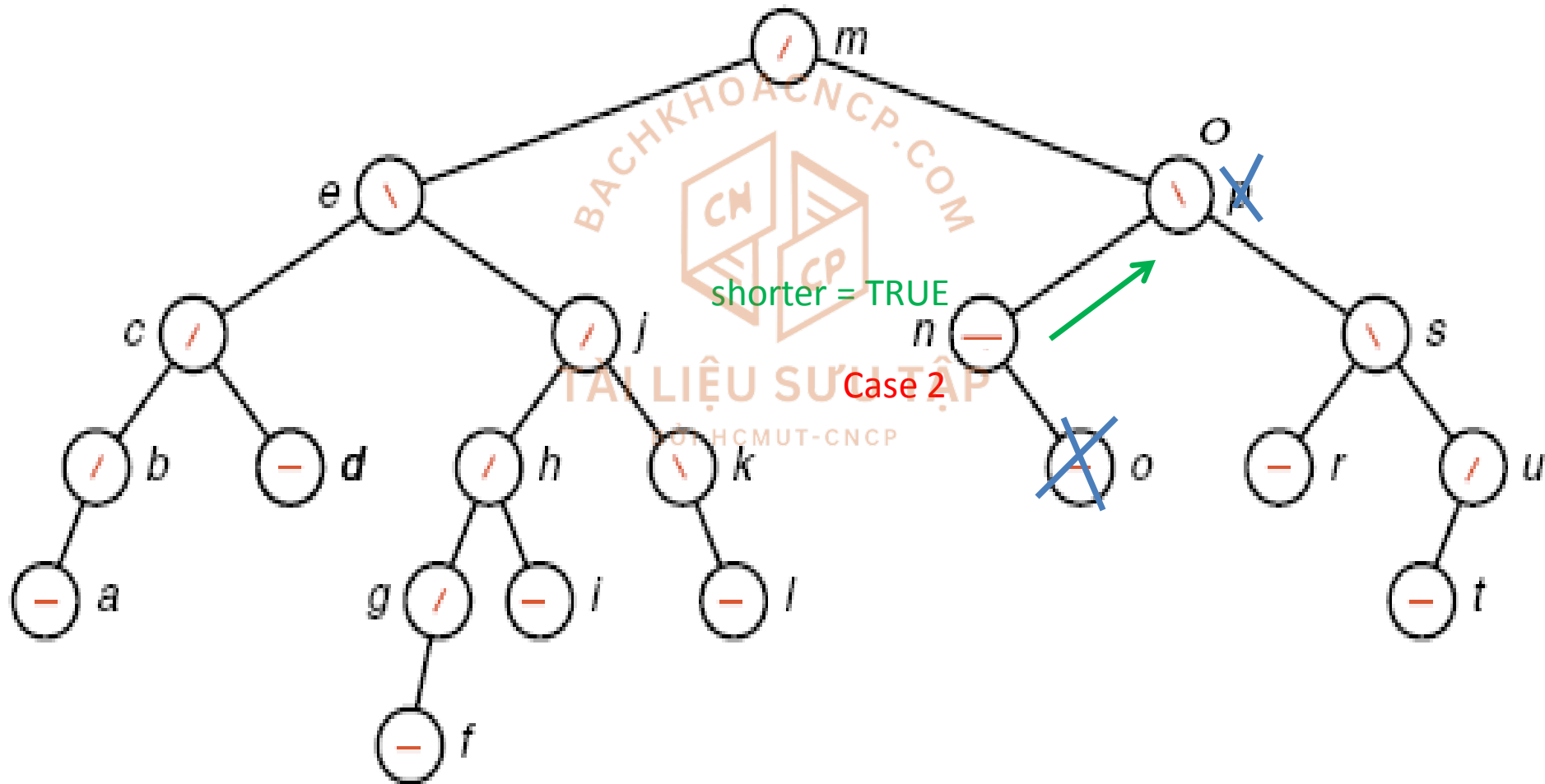
# Removal of a node

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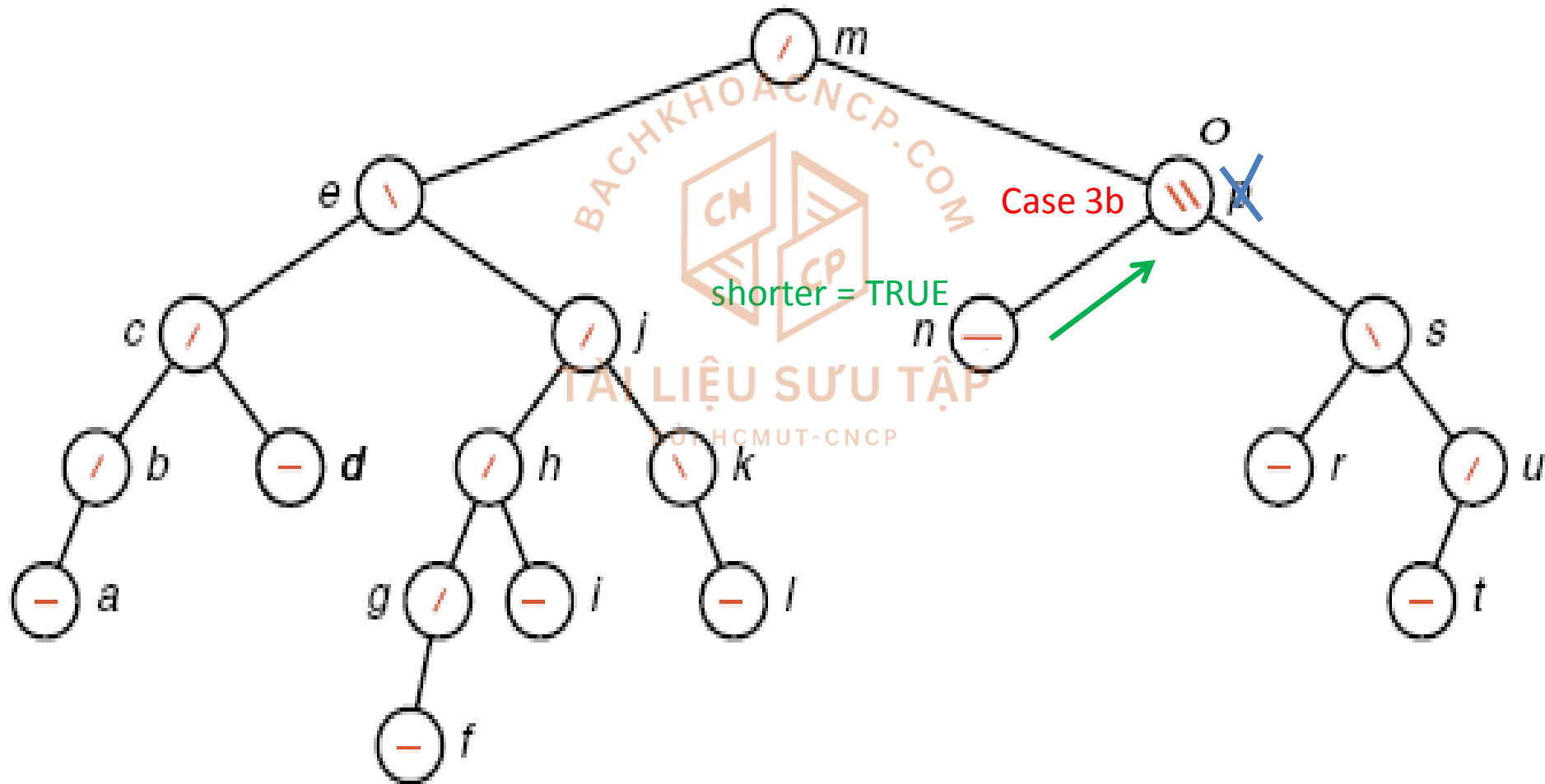
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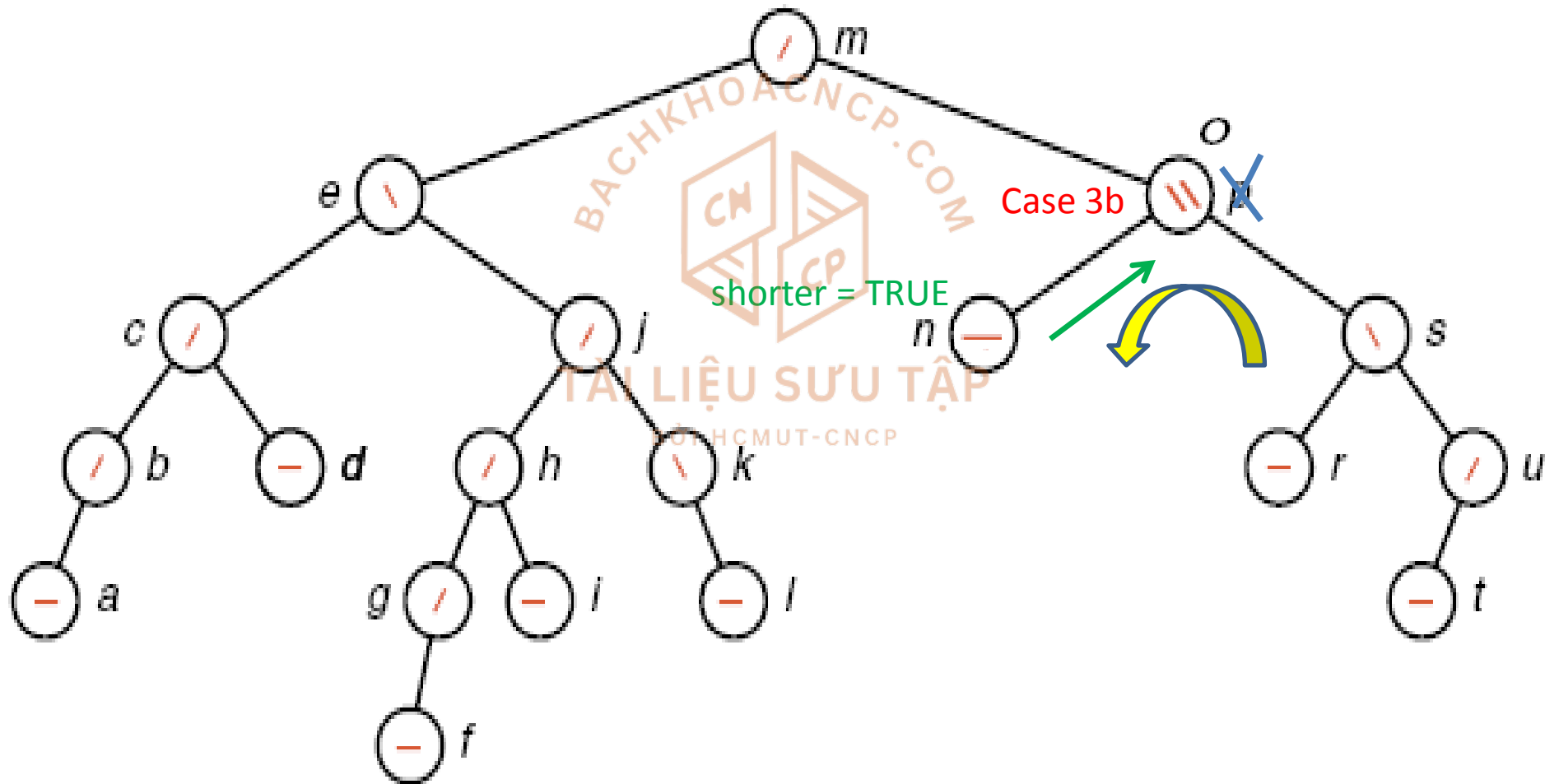
# Removal of a node

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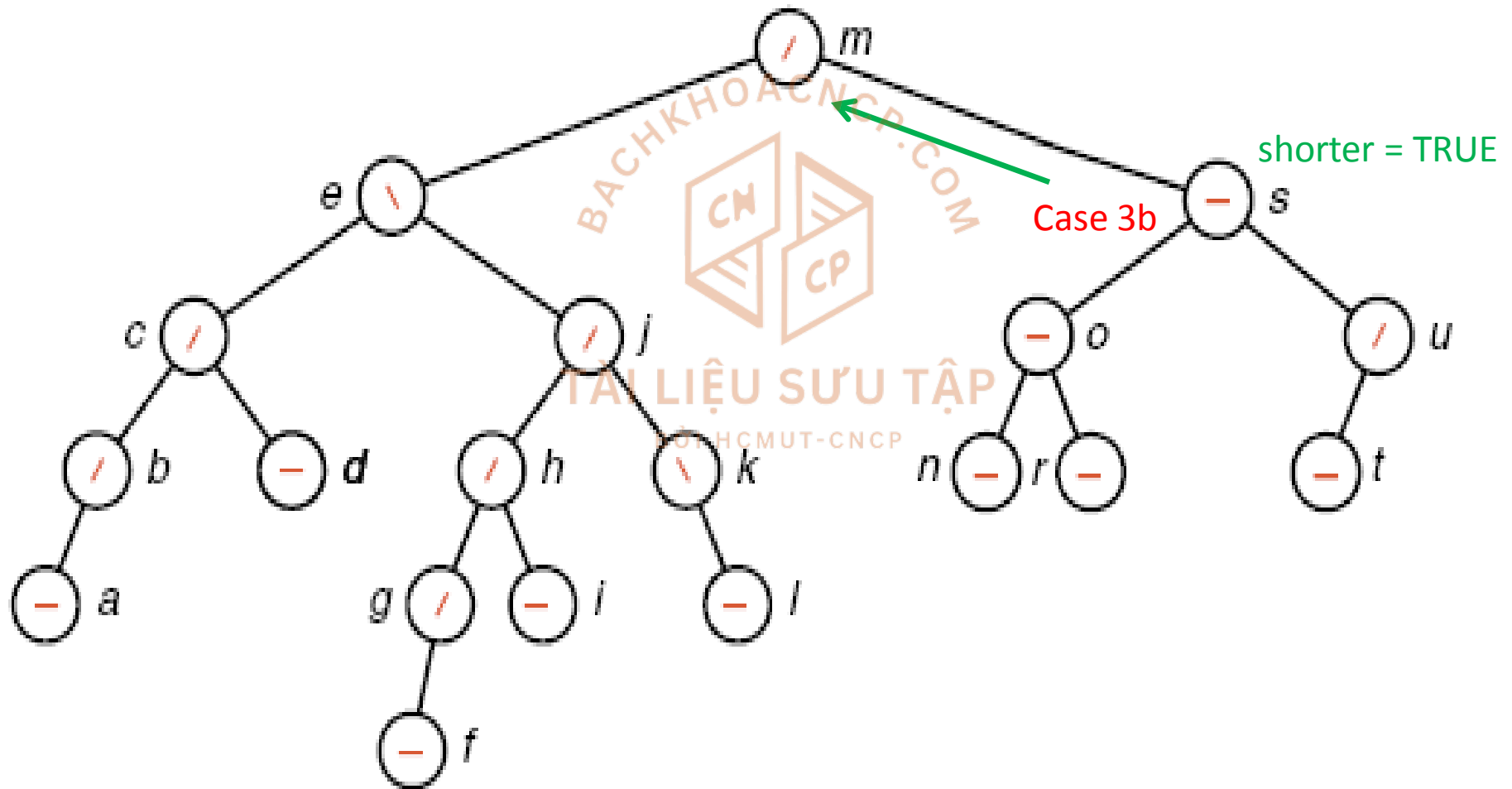
# Removal of a node

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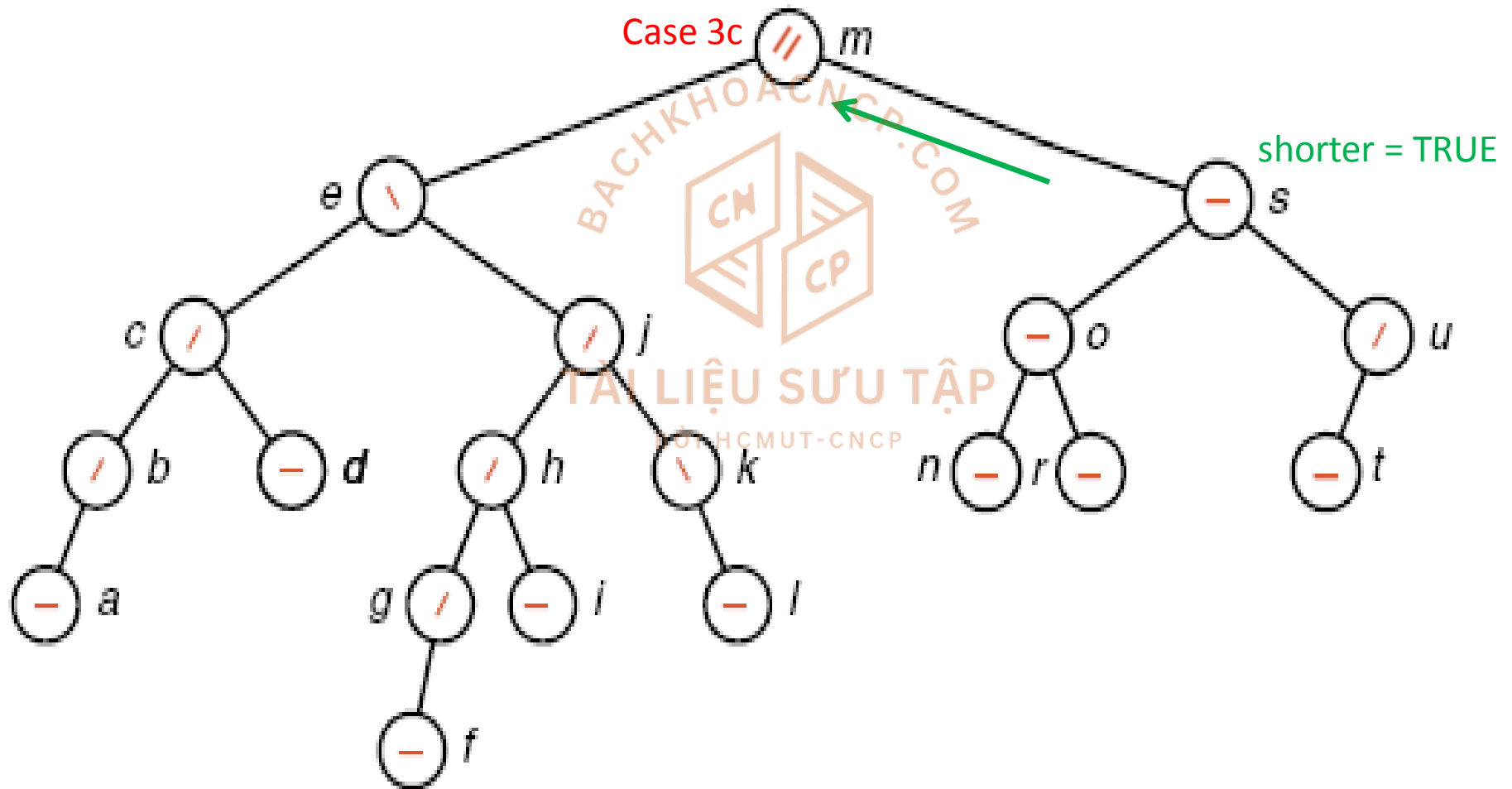
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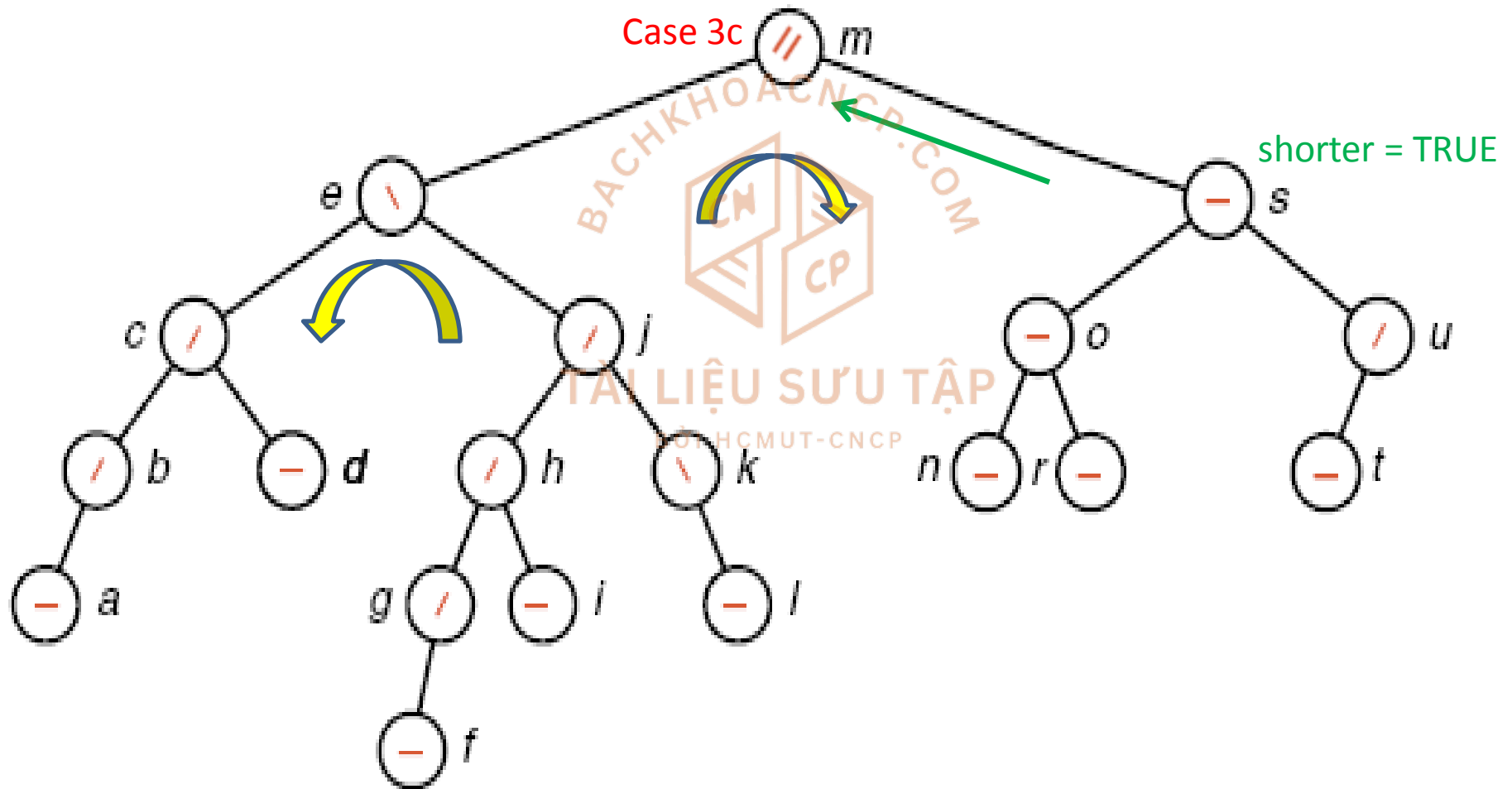
# Removal of a node

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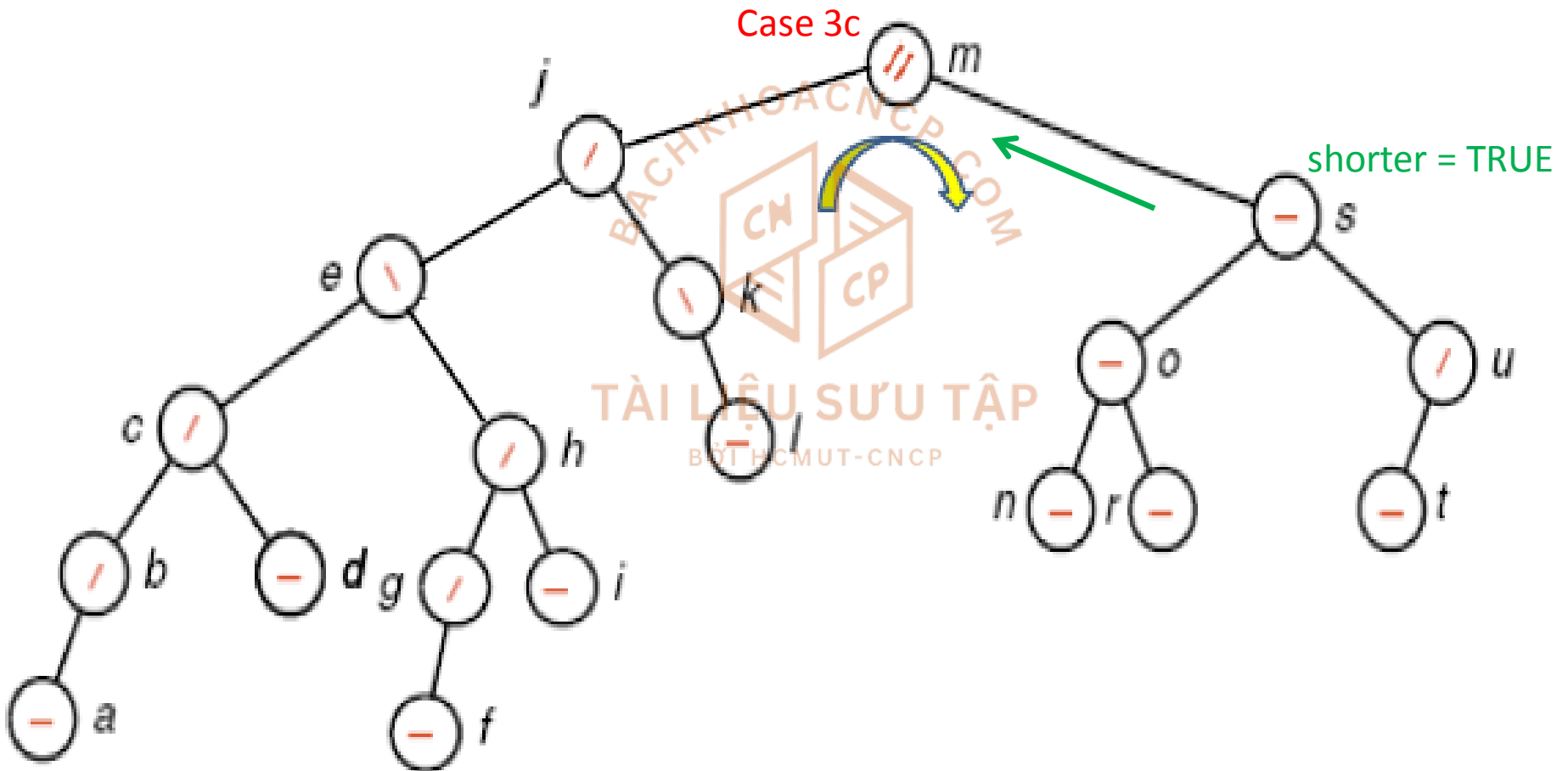
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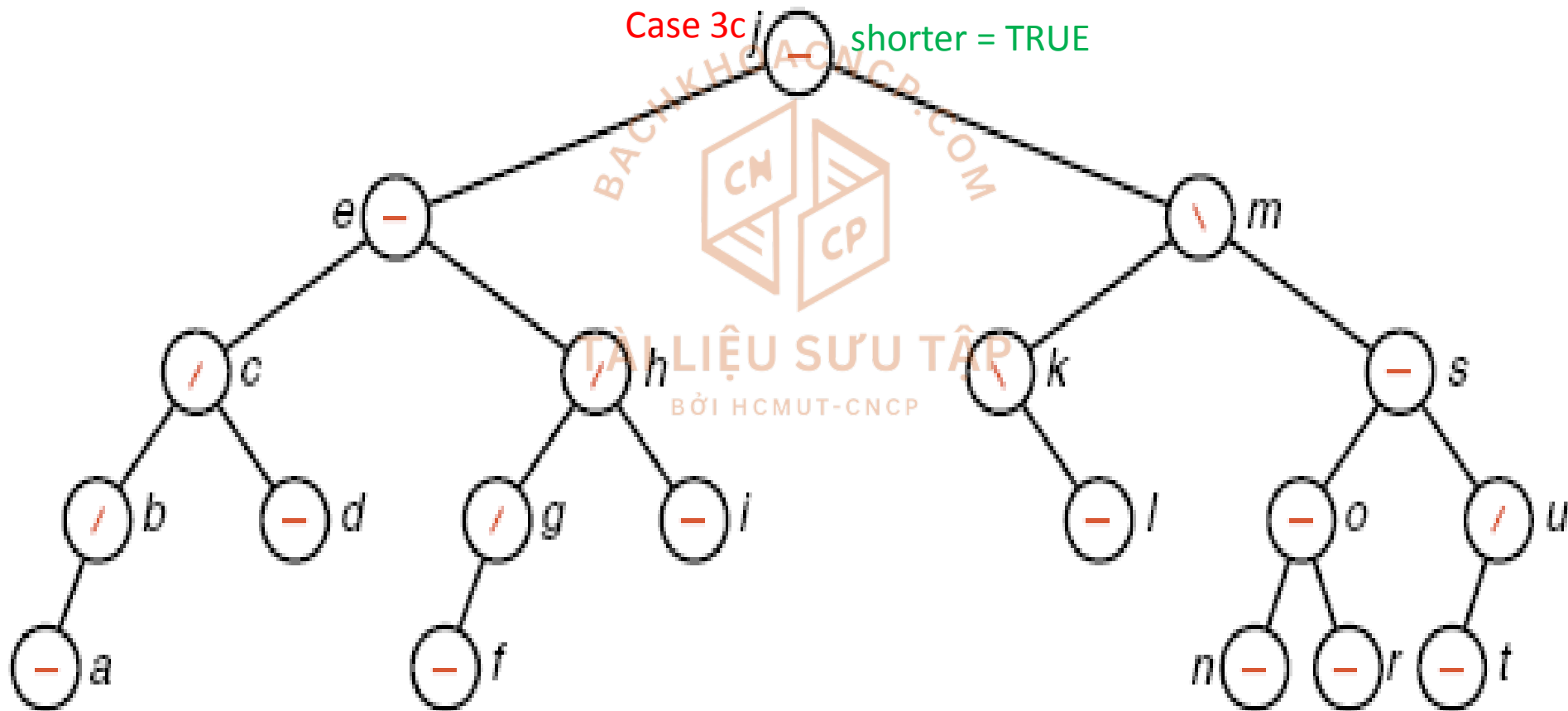
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# Analysis of AVL Tree

- The number of recursive calls to insert a new node can be as large as the height of the tree.
- At most one (single or double) rotation will be done per insertion.
- A rotation improves the balance of the tree, so later insertions are less likely to require rotations.

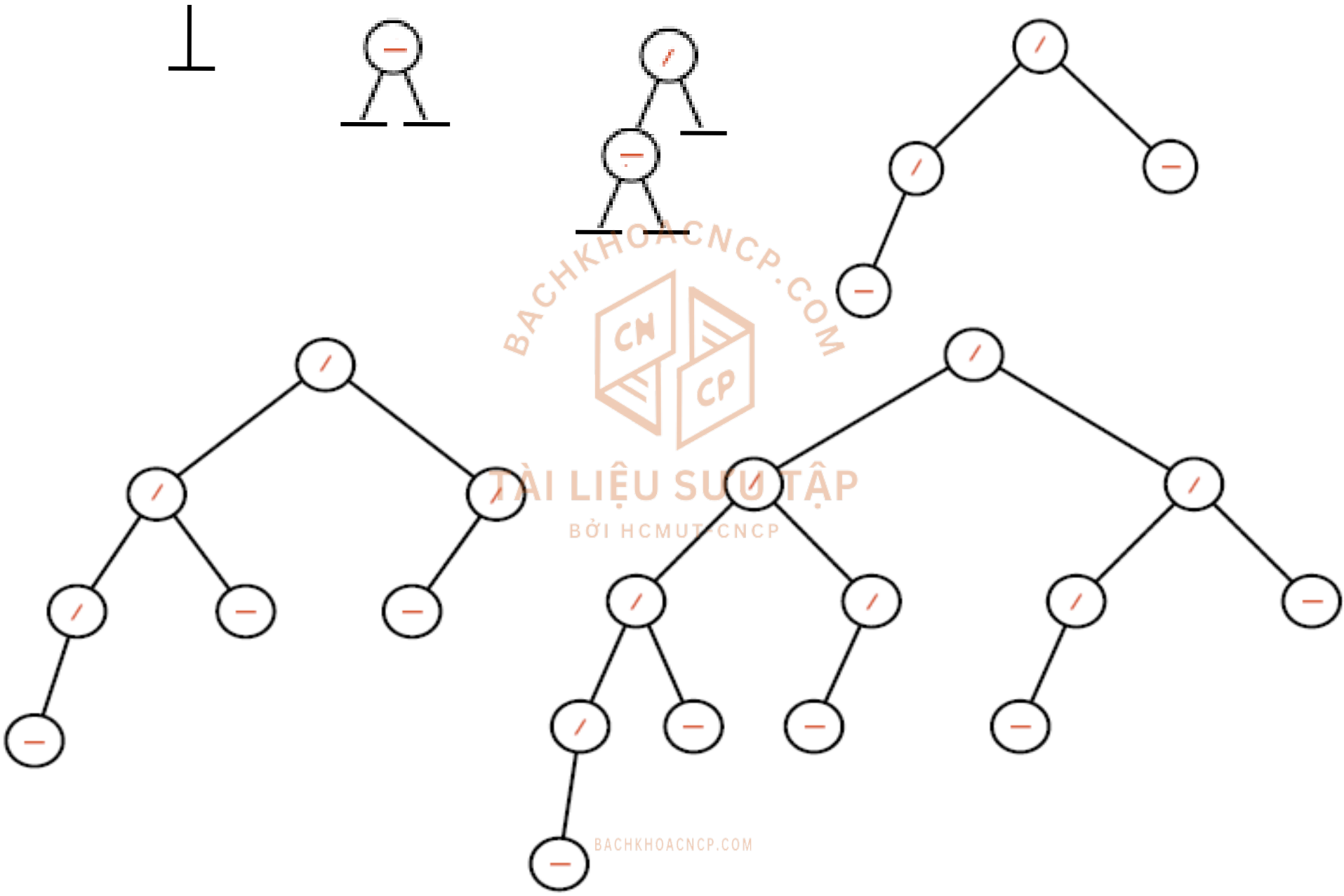
# Analysis of AVL Tree

- It is very difficult to find the height of the average AVL tree, but the worst case is much easier.
- The worst-case behavior of AVL trees is essentially no worse than the behaviour of random BST.
- The average behaviour of AVL trees is much better than that of random BST, almost as good as that which could be obtained from a perfectly balanced tree.

# Analysis of AVL Tree

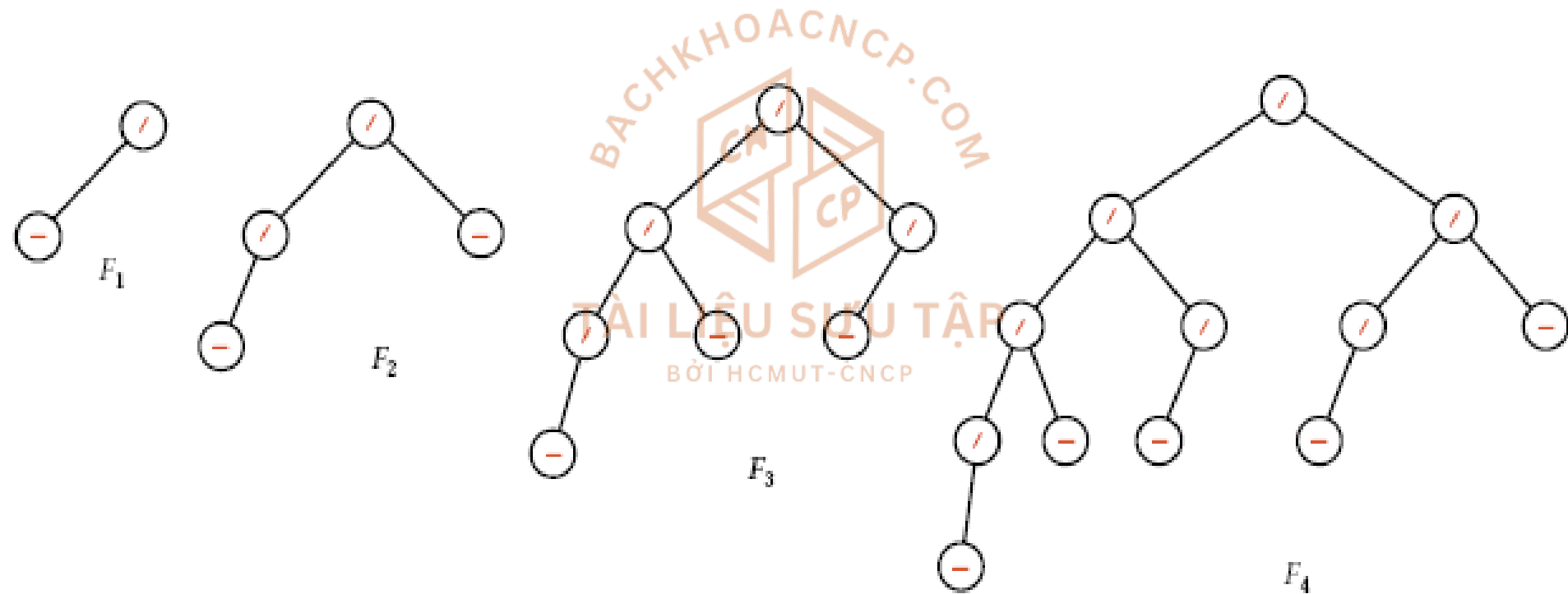
➤ To find the **maximum height of AVL tree with  $n$  nodes**, we instead find the minimum number of nodes that an AVL tree of height  $h$  can have.

- **$F_h$** : an AVL tree of height  $h$  with minimum number of nodes.
- **$F_L$** : a left subtree of height  $h_L = h-1$  with minimum number of nodes.
- **$F_R$** : a right subtree of height  $h_R = h-2$  with minimum number of nodes.



# Fibonacci trees

- Trees, as sparse as possible for AVL tree, are call Fibonacci trees.



# Analysis of AVL Tree

If  $|T|$  is the number of nodes in tree  $T$ , we have:

$$|F_h| = |F_{h-1}| + |F_{h-2}| + 1,$$

where  $|F_0| = 1$  and  $|F_1| = 2$ .

And we can calculate

$$h \approx 1.44 \lg |F_h|$$



# Analysis of AVL Tree

- The sparsest possible AVL tree with  $n$  nodes has height about  $1.44 \lg n$  compared to:
- A perfectly balanced BST with  $n$  nodes has height about  $\lg n$ .
  - A random BST, on average, has height about  $1.39 \lg n$ .
  - A degenerate BST has height as large as  $n$ .

# Analysis of AVL Tree

- Hence the algorithm for manipulating AVL trees are guaranteed to take no more than about 44 percent more time than the optimum.
- In practice, AVL trees do much better than this on average, perhaps as small as  $\lg n + 0.25$ .

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